WARNING TOWN OF POMFRET ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Offices, 5218 Pomfret Road, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, to vote by Australian ballot upon the articles of business listed herein.

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur at the Pomfret Town Hall, 5233 Pomfret Road, and via Zoom on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Instructions for joining the informational hearing appear at the end of this Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said voting by Australian ballot shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. For more information, please visit https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/ or call the Pomfret Town Offices at (802) 457-3861 during normal business hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

- 1. To elect the following Town officers:
 - Town Moderator, 1-year term;
 - Town Clerk, 1-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 3-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 2-year term;
 - Treasurer, 1-year term;
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term;
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years to finish a 3-year term;
 - Lister, 3-year term;
 - Lister, 2 years to finish a 3-year term;
 - Auditor, 3-year term;
 - Auditor, 2 years to finish a 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term; and
 - Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term.
- 2. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791?
- 3. Shall the voters approve the combined budget for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$1,931,749 for general purposes (\$540,046) and for highway purposes (\$1,391,703), of which \$1,360,902 will be raised by current year taxes and \$570,847 by other sources?

<u>Note</u>: The amounts in this Article 3 exclude the appropriations proposed in Articles 4 through 15 below.

- 4. Shall the voters appropriate \$42,500 to the Abbott Memorial Library?
- 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$16,500 to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission?

- 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,950 to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH in support of care provided in patients' homes?
- 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,800 to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (d.b.a. The Thompson Senior Center) to be used for operational expenses to provide meals on wheels, transportation, wellness and social activities, medical equipment, and other Aging at Home support services to benefit Town residents?
- 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$979 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for support of services provided to residents of Windsor County?
- 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Empower Up Windsor Central Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Ottauquechee Community Partnership) to support their Mentor and Buddy Program?
- 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to the Spectrum Teen Center for support of activities at the center?
- 11. Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Pentangle Arts for providing artistic endeavors in the community?
- 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) for funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription copayments and short-term caregiver services?
- 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley for support of activities at the service?
- 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont for Green Up Day supplies and services?
- 15. Shall the voters re-appropriate \$87,856 of the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce Fiscal Year 2026 taxes to be raised?
 - <u>Note</u>: Approval of this article would leave \$58,570 in the General Fund balance, which amount would remain subject to re-appropriation by the voters at a later date.
- 16. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4773, and that the first installment of such taxes be due and accepted at the Treasurer's office on or before 2:30 PM on August 15, 2025, and that the balance be due at the same location on or before 2:30 PM on February 6, 2026, and that overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of 1.0% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873, and that all delinquent taxes be subject to an 8.0% penalty pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 1674?

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Dated this 22nd day of January, 2025, by the Selectboard of the Town of Pomfret:

Benjamin Brickner, Chair

John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair

Steve Chamberlin

Meg Emmons

Emily Grube

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT INFORMATIONAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur at the Pomfret Town Hall, 5233 Pomfret Road, and via Zoom on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM. You may join this informational hearing by telephone, computer or smartphone as follows:

Computer or Smartphone

https://zoom.us/j/95395079923?pwd=ZjBEd3ZuZWgvWmx2M0tpOE8zbjg2dz09

Landline or Mobile Phone

Dial (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 953 9507 9923 and Passcode 306922.