



## **TOWN MEETING WARNING – 2017**

### **Town of Hinesburg, Vermont**

The legal voters of the Town of Hinesburg, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium, in said Town of Hinesburg, Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00PM to transact business on all articles except Article 1 and Article 2, which will be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Australian Ballot voting will occur at the Town Hall at 10632 Vermont Route 116 in Hinesburg, with the polls to open on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM and close at 7:00PM. If necessary, the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting may be adjourned to the Hinesburg Town Hall at 9:00 AM on March 7<sup>th</sup> to conduct any business left unfinished on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

*Articles 1 and 2 will be voted upon by Australian ballot (March 7<sup>th</sup>).*

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect the necessary town and school district officers by Australian ballot Tuesday, March 7, 2017 (see “Officers for Election” list in the Annual Report).

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall general obligation bond or notes of the Town of Hinesburg, in an amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of constructing a highway garage, such improvements estimated to cost Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000)?

*Articles 3 through 15 will be voted from the floor at Town Meeting (March 6<sup>th</sup>).*

**ARTICLE 3:** To hear the reports of the officers of the Town of Hinesburg and take action thereon.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town approve a General Government budget of \$1,416,285 with the estimated sum of \$1,150,285 appropriated from property taxes to defray the general government expenses of the Town?

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town approve a Highway Department budget of \$918,810 with the estimated sum of \$780,810 appropriated from property taxes to defray the highway expenditures of the Town?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town approve the Hinesburg Community Police Department budget of \$528,311 with the estimated sum of \$491,811 appropriated from property taxes to defray the police expenditures of the Town?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town approve the Hinesburg Fire Department budget of \$311,836, with the estimated sum of \$283,836 appropriated from property taxes to defray the fire expenditures of the Town?

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town approve the Carpenter-Carse Library allocation from the Town of Hinesburg of \$216,815, with the estimated sum of \$216,815 appropriated from property taxes to defray the library allocation from the Town?

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$27,250, with the estimated sum of \$27,250 appropriated from property taxes, to be distributed as specifically designated to the following agencies and organizations?

Women Helping Battered Women	\$2,400
Hinesburg Community Resource Center	\$11,000
Visiting Nurses Association	\$6,500
COTS	\$1,000
Howard Center	\$800
Chittenden County Community Action	\$1,000
Hinesburg Rides	\$1,750
Hope Works	\$200
Vermont Red Cross	\$400
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$500
Hinesburg Senior Meal Site	\$700
Lund Center	\$1,000

(If voters approved Articles 3 through 7 as presented, total general fund expenditures of \$3,419,307 will be required, with the estimated amount of \$2,950,857 to come from property tax revenue).

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of funding the milfoil mitigation and removal efforts in Lake Iroquois to be managed by the Lake Iroquois Association? If approved, the voters will be funding one year of the five-year effort led by the Lake Iroquois Association.

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow money when needed to meet current expenses and indebtedness of the Town of Hinesburg?

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall voters authorize the payment of real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, payable in full to the Town of Hinesburg in one (1) installment, with the due date being November 15, 2017? Any and all payments received in the Town Treasurer's Office later than midnight on November 15, 2017 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to the collection of interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three (3) months and thereafter at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof.

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d?

**ARTICLE 14:** Pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3546 (e), shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to adopt an ordinance regulating domestic pets or wolf-hybrids by an ordinance that diverges from the procedures in statute by allowing, among other things, the filing of complaints regarding dog bites or attacks by law enforcement officers regardless of the location of the bite or attack?

**ARTICLE 15:** To transact any other business, as proper, to be brought before said meeting?

Signed and dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017, and as attested to by:



Michael Bissonette, Chair



Phil Pouech, Vice Chair



Andrea Morgante



Tom Ayer



Aaron Kimball



Attest: Melissa Ross, Town Clerk

