WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at Dutton Gym, located at 2030VT Route 30, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00am, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I: To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To act upon the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 independent auditor's report.

ARTICLE III: To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year.

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer: The clerk and treasurer are paid from the General Fund and not by fees that are collected. The budget represents the salaries for these offices. Please reference ARTICLE VII of the Town Warning and the Budget in the Town Report.

Selectboard:

(1) Chair	\$1,500.00
(4) Members:	\$5,200.00

Town Clerk Assistant(s) & Casual Labor: \$17.55

ARTICLE IV: To elect all Town Officials for ensuing year(s):

(1) 1 year term
(1) 1 year term
(1) 3 year term
(2) 1 year term
(1) 3 year term
(1) 1 year term
(1) 1 year term
(1) 1 year term
(1) 5 year term
(1) 5 year term
(1) 5 year term

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 23, 2024, November 22, 2024, February 21, 2025, and May 23, 2025. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (.5%) or fraction thereof, interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 30, 2025?

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$441,565.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which \$267,827.00 to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$921,552.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads of which \$782,956.00 to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$63,473.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the library?

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$13,000.00, by taxation, to increase the librarian's hours by 8 hours per week?

ARTICLE XI: To see if the Town will raise \$2,100.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

ARTICLE XII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$21,243.00 by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$200,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the purchase of new highway department equipment?

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the repair/renovation of Town Hall. This includes: prompt compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for building accessibility, and an ADA compliant bathroom?

ARTICLE XV: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the restoration of the stone arch bridge on Back Windham Road?

ARTICLE XVI: To see if the Town will vote to decide what the format for Town Meeting will be in the future?

ARTICLE XVII: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation water conversation and good forestry practices?

ARTICLE XVIII: To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

ARTICLE XIX: To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2025, as the date for the 2025 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 30th of January 2024.

Townshend Selectbeard:

Sherwood Lake

Rob Wright Rob Waight Katie Marrow

Rob Swiger

Haley Felker