

Town of Westminster
WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING
TOWN OF WESTMINSTER AND TOWN FIRE DISTRICT # 3
2021

The legal voters of the Town of Westminster and the Town Fire District # 3 are hereby notified and warned to meet at the lawn of the Westminster Institute, East Parish, Westminster, Vermont on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 10 o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM) to take action upon the following Articles not involving voting by Australian ballot, beginning with Town Meeting Article 2. Rain date will be Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 10 o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM).

Article 1 : To choose all Town Officers by Australian ballot, Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Article 2 : To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to take action thereupon.

Article 3 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,128,145, of which \$1,504,265 shall be raised by taxes, and \$ 523,880 by estimated revenue and \$100,000 from the fiscal year 2019-2020 General Fund surplus, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article 4 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,000 for the Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 5 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Bridge Rehabilitation Reserve Fund.

Article 6 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize the sum of \$35,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2019-2020 General Fund surplus into the Capitol Improvement Fund for the renovation of the Westminster Town Hall previously established by Article 15 at the Annual Meeting of March 1, 1999.

Article 7 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize the sum of \$10,000 to be transferred from the fiscal year 2019-2020 General Fund surplus into the Bridge Rehabilitation Fund for the preservation of our bridges previously established by Article 17 at the Annual Meeting of March 2, 2010.

Article 8 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 in addition to the sum (\$4,600) included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard making the total \$5,400, for the support of the Westminster Gazette.

Article 9 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 in addition to the sum (\$11,500) included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard making the total \$14,000, for the support of Visiting Nurses & Hospice.

Article 10 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 in addition to the sum (\$2,500) included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard making the total \$3,000, for the support of Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Westminster in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.

Article 11 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Senior Solutions (Council of Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) to provide services to the aging and the disabled residents of the Town.

Article 12 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to support of the cost of operation and maintenance of the Westminster Institute and Butterfield Library?

Article 13 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the Westminster Historical Society.

Article 14 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the support of Greater Falls Connections to provide substance abuse prevention programs to residents of the Town.

Article 15 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,534.00 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

Article 16 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 dollars to the Westminster West Library to join the Catamount Library Network. This will pay for additional hours for the Librarian and additional annual costs associated with joining the network.

Article 17 : Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster elect five (5) town residents to a Westminster Town School District Board with staggered terms as existed prior to the forced merger of Westminster into the Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District.

Article 18 : To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster. Annual Meeting.

Article 19 : To hear the reports of the Town Fire District # 3 and to take action thereupon.

Article 20 : To see whether Town Fire District Number 3 shall authorize and instruct its Prudential Committee and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to meet current expenses, on the credit of the District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal Funds.

Article 21 : To see if the voters of the Town Fire District Number 3 will raise and appropriate the sum of \$277,230.00 to pay the indebtedness and other general expenses of the District for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article 22 : Shall the voters of the Town Fire District Number 3 authorize the purchase of a new Rescue Vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. Said purchase to be reduced by \$100,000.00 from Capital Reserve Funds and the balance to be financed by general obligation note in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a term not to exceed 5 years.

Article 23 : To transact any other business proper to be brought before the Town Fire District Number 3 meeting.