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**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The residents of the Town of Bennington qualified by law to vote in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bennington Fire Facility on River Street (Lincoln Street entrance) in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or immediately following the Bennington School District's Annual meeting should that run over, to transact the business specified to be done from the floor. If you are a resident of the Town of Bennington, intend to be present at the meeting and are hearing impaired, arrangements will be made for a sign interpreter to be present at this meeting. For necessary arrangements, please contact Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager at the Bennington Town Offices, 205 South Street, P.O. Box 469, Bennington, VT - (802) 442-1037 no later than Friday, February 20, 2015.

Following the completion of such business, the Meeting will stand adjourned to Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at The Bennington Fire Facility on River Street (Lincoln Street entrance). The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the election of officers and voting on all ballot articles specified. However, those on the checklist to vote in the Village of North Bennington shall vote for the election of officers and on all ballot articles at the North Bennington Village Office on Main Street in North Bennington. The Bennington Fire Facility above mentioned, is hereby established as the central polling place for those on the checklist to vote in said Bennington. The deadline for registering to vote is February 25, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at the Bennington Town Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR

Monday, March 2, 2015

7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. TOWN REPORT: To hear the report of Town Officers and to take appropriate action thereon.

ARTICLE 2. SELECT BOARD MEMBERS COMPENSATION: To determine what compensation shall be paid to the Town Select Board Members.

ARTICLE 3. OTHER BUSINESS: To transact such other proper business when met.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED BY BALLOT
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015
THE POLLS TO BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
AT THE POLLING PLACES SPECIFIED ABOVE**

SELECT BOARD ELECTION. Two Select Board Members residing in the Town shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.

TOWN CLERK ELECTION. A Town Clerk residing in the Town shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town appropriate for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the total sum of \$11,652,340.00 consisting of the following: \$3,818,550.00 for the laying out, maintaining, and repairing of the highways and bridges of the Town; and \$7,833,790.00 for the payment of the following: Any indebtedness not otherwise specifically provided for, interest on indebtedness, legally authorized State and County taxes, the prosecution and defense of the common rights and interests of the inhabitants of the Town, and for other necessary incidental expenses?

The proposed budget includes \$40,000.00 for fire equipment, \$20,000.00 for parking improvements and \$326,240.00 for healthcare reserve and workers compensation insurance, any unexpended portion of which will be reserved to subsequent years for that purpose.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$2,500.00 for One World Conservation Center?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$2,500.00 for Turning Point Center of Bennington?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Project Against Violent Encounters?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$7,000.00 for Vermont Center For Independent Living?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$7,200.00 for Green Mountain Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Bennington Free Clinic?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for BROCC - Community Action In Southwestern Vermont?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for WBTN 1370 AM?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$10,000.00 for The Tutorial Center?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$11,000.00 for Bennington Project Independence?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$21,600.00 for Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2016 General Fund by the sum of \$25,000.00 for Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Bennington adjust the natural level of fluoride in the Bennington water system to a level recommended for preventing tooth decay (advisory only)?

YES
NO

BY THE SELECT BOARD

Greg Van Houten, Chair

Sharyn L. Brush, Vice Chair

Jim Carroll

Justin J. Corcoran

Thomas H. Jacobs

Michael A. Keane

John C. McFadden

Dated at Bennington, Vermont this 26th day of January, 2015.