WARNING
FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2015

Voting by Australian ballot is to be held on March 3, 2015 at the Hartford High School (Gymnasium). Budget discussion/candidates night is to be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hartford High School (Auditorium).

The legal voters of the Town of Hartford are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said Annual Town Meeting shall be as provided in the Town Charter and chapters 43, 51, and 55 of title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015. POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. EST AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M. EST.

1. To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator for one year; Selectman for two years; Selectman for three years; Lister for one year; Lister for remaining two years of three years; Library Trustees for five years; Town Clerk for three year term; Library Trustees for five year; Trustee of Public Funds for two years; Trustee of Public Funds for three years. (By Australian ballot)

2. Shall the Town appropriate a total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of $15,715,770 of which $12,417,533 shall be raised by taxes; $3,201,237 by non-tax revenues and $100,000 from the unassigned fund balance. (By Australian ballot)

3. To vote to charge interest on overdue taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one half percent (1.5%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of said tax as authorized by 32 V.S.A. 515, and additional two percent (2%) collector’s fee of any delinquent balance as authorized by 32 V.S.A. 1674 on the date said taxes become delinquent and an additional two percent (2%) collector’s fee on remaining delinquent tax balances assessed one month following the due date. (By Australian ballot)

4. Shall the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Thousand ($180,000) Dollars for the purpose of continuing Curbside Recycling within the Town of Hartford. (By Australian ballot)

5. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty ($75,540) Dollars to Advance TransIt for the purpose of providing public transportation services. (By Australian ballot)

6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty ($15,450) Dollars for the purpose of maintaining various associations owning or in control of Cemeteries in said Town, to be divided as follows:

- Christian Street Cemetery Assoc.-Six Hundred ($600) Dollars
- Hartford Cemetery Assoc.-Seven Thousand Five Hundred ($7,500) Dollars
- Quechee Cemetery Assoc.-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty ($2,450) Dollars
- Mt. Olivet and St. Anthony’s Cemeteries Assoc.-Four Thousand Eight Hundred ($4,000) Dollars
- West Hartford Cemetery Assoc.-Nine Hundred ($900) Dollars

(By Australian ballot)

7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred ($9,500) Dollars to be paid to The Family Place, to help support programs which benefit Hartford residents. (By Australian ballot)

8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars for the purpose of helping to defray the expenses of the Hartford Historical Society in collecting, conserving and displaying the Town’s history. (By Australian ballot)

9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand ($7,000) Dollars for the purpose of helping to defray the expenses of operating and maintaining Headrest’s information and referral and crisis intervention services. (By Australian ballot)

10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five ($9,995) Dollars to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southerners VT, Inc. (By Australian ballot)

11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand ($9,000) Dollars to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), Inc to assist Hartford in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services. (By Australian ballot)

12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two ($41,882) Dollars to support the home health care and hospice care of patients in their homes by staff and volunteers of the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. (By Australian ballot)
13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred ($3,500) Dollars for services provided by Windsor County Partners to Hartford young people. (By Australian ballot)

14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand ($2,000) Dollars to Women's Information Service (WISE), Inc to help defray the cost of their operating budget. (By Australian ballot)

15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred ($7,500) Dollars to help support the mission of the Good Neighbor Health Clinic and The Red Legan Dental Clinic which provides free medical care and dental care to the uninsured whose household incomes are below 200% of the federal poverty level. (By Australian ballot)

16. Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Hartford in an amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars ($2,140,000) be issued for the purpose of financing the Town's cost of making certain public water system improvements, viz.: replacement and upgrades of the Quechee Hartland Road water storage tank, water transmission main and appurtenances thereto, all at an estimated cost of Two Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars ($2,140,000) to be paid from system rates, charges and revenues. (By Australian ballot)

Dated at Hartford, Vermont this 29th day of January, 2015.

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF HARTFORD

Alex DeFazio
Kenneth Parker
Chuck Wooster
Sloan Dennis
Sandra Mardelli
Richard Grant
Matt Busby

POLICY FOR CAMPAIGNING DURING POLLING HOURS

While polls are open, the building containing the polling place, the sidewalk leading to it, and the area around it will be closed to the public. Candidates and their supporters may not campaign within 200 feet of the polling place. The Town of Hartford will not be responsible for any damage to property caused by candidates or their supporters.

Any violation of this policy may result in criminal charges. Candidates and their supporters should be aware that they are subject to arrest for violating this policy.

HARTFORD TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

This __ day of __, 2015
Recorded In Bk __ Pg __
Town Clerk
The citizens of Hartford who are legal voters in said Town hereby warned to meet at the Hartford High School (Hanly Gym) in said Town on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of transacting Town business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Community Day is to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Hartford High School (Gymnasium).

The purpose of the Town business meeting being to decide by voice vote and/or discuss the following:

1. To receive the reports of the Town Officers.

2. To vote to collect Town General and Highway Tax and the Town School District’s Tax on real estate in two installments, the first being on or before August 14, 2015, and the second installment being on or before February 5, 2016 through the Treasurer.

3. To vote what compensation the town will pay its Town officers from the General Fund, effective July 1, 2015 pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Section 932: Moderator $100 per annum; Board of Civil Authority $50 per diem; Lister’s $20.00 per hour; Treasurer $16,000 per annum; Town Clerk $63,499.96 per annum; Board of Selectmen $50 per meeting, with the Chairman receiving $300 additional per annum and the Vice-Chairman receiving $150 additional per annum; such officials will receive mileage reimbursement in the amount equivalent to the rate authorized by the IRS when a town vehicle is not available to them.

4. To vote to approve the 2015-2016 budget if disapproved at the March 3rd, 2015 meeting.

5. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Nine ($869) Dollars for the purpose of supporting the activities of the Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSP).

6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety Nine ($999) Dollars to support the activities of Vermont Adult Learning in its work with adults in need of basic reading, writing, math, GED, and English language skills.

7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Five ($775) Dollars to support the mission of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) in its work to help blind and visually impaired Vermonters achieve and maintain independence.

8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Forty Five ($845) Dollars to help support the work of the Vermont Center for Independent Living in assisting Vermonters with disabilities to live as fully, productively and independently as possible.

9. To do any other necessary and proper non-binding business.

*NOTE: The Annual Floor Meeting and the Annual Floor School District Meeting will both convene at 10:00AM EST on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The Town Meeting will immediately recess and be held following the conclusion of the School meeting. Community Day is to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Hartford High School (Gymnasium).

Dated at Hartford, Vermont this 5 day of February, 2015.

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF HARTFORD

Kenneth Parker

Alex DeFelice

Chuck Wooster

Simone Dennis

Sandra Mariotti

Richard Grassi

Matt Buci

HARTFORD TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE

This day of 2015

at 8:15 AM

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