

TOWN WARNING 2016

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the basement of the Village School in said town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To accept all reports as submitted in the 2015 Annual Report
3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$4,900.** to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (see report page 41)
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$300.** to the Woodstock Area Job Bank. The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a free, not for profit, job referral service that serves the greater Woodstock area and beyond. It is our mission to connect individuals who are seeking work with area employers seeking workers. (see report page 49)
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$5,570.** as the Town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. (see report page 48)
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to the Woodstock Recreation Center for waiver of non-resident charges for the Woodstock Recreation Activities for all residents of Bridgewater. (see report page 44)
7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$750.** to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and provide them with a safe and drug free environment. The Spectrum Teen Center strives to make youth feel supported, welcomed and included along with giving them a sense of belonging. There is no charge to attend our regularly scheduled program. (see report page 46)
8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Bridgewater in responding to the emergency needs of the community, and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (see report page 50)
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.** to support the programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (see report page 45)
10. Shall the Treasurer assume the duties of the Collector of Current Taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2646? The legislature has eliminated the position of elected Collector of Current Taxes, a town may now vote to have either the treasurer or town manager (if there is one) assume the duties of collector of Current Taxes. If a town fails to vote either the treasurer or town manager as the collector of current taxes, the town constable automatically becomes the collector pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 1529.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$180,000.00 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Dept., (to replace the 2008 Western Star) to be paid from the Equipment sinking Fund.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$778,367.98** to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses.

14. To see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on or before August 3, 2016 and to be paid on or before November 2, 2016st. Wednesday)

15. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

- a. Selectperson – three years
- b. Town Clerk – three years
- c. Town Treasurer – three years
- d. Lister – three years
- e. Cemetery Commissioner - three years
- f. Town Constable – one year
- g. Town Agent – one year
- h. Grand Juror – one year
- i. Trustee of Public Funds – one year

16. To do any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 26th. day of January, 2016

Bridgewater Selectboard:

Norman Martin II, Chairman
Mary Oldenburg
John Timken, Jr.