

WARNING

TOWN OF MANCHESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (2014)

Legal Voters of the Town of Manchester, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified of the following events relating to the Annual Meeting of the Town:

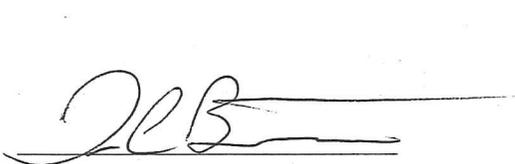
Floor Meeting: Beginning at 1:00 P.M. on the 1st day of March (Saturday), 2014 the so-called floor portion of the annual Town Meeting will convene at the Manchester Elementary-Middle School gymnasium (80 Memorial Avenue) to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

Voting by Ballot: Between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on the 4th day of March (Tuesday), 2014 the polls will be open at the Manchester Town Hall (6039 Main Street) to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

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- ARTICLE 1.** To hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers, acknowledgments and presentation of awards.
- ARTICLE 2.** To determine by vote the day taxes shall be payable and what discount, if any, shall be allowed, if paid on or before the time specified, and what interest shall be charged for delinquency.
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the Town vote a specific amount of money to defray expenses of the Town for fiscal year 2015, plus any voted appropriations?
- ARTICLE 4.** Shall the Town vote to transfer all Fiscal Year 2015 local option tax revenues in excess of \$1,129,000 into the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund; provided that, in the case of a deficiency in local option tax revenues, funds from the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund may be used to offset the deficit; provided further, the amount transferred from the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund to the General Fund and Fiscal Year 2015 local option tax revenues shall not exceed a total of \$1,129,000?
- ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town vote on appropriations authorized under 24 V.S.A. §2691 (aid to social services) that are greater than \$2,500 by Australian ballot?
- ARTICLE 6.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of up to \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2015 from the Capital Improvement and Contingency Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing a facility to store salt and other materials used for highway purposes?
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of up to \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement and Contingency Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance; provided, that the ambulance may be leased to the Manchester Rescue Squad, subject to executing a lease agreement between the Town of Manchester and the Manchester Rescue Squad, and that the Town of Manchester shall maintain ownership of the ambulance at all times?
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate up to \$6,000 for the annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park during Fiscal Year 2015 to match funds received from donations, sponsorships, grants and other non-Town revenues?
- ARTICLE 9.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$4,000, plus donations, sponsorships, grants and other non-Town revenues, for up to two street festivals on Main Street during Fiscal Year 2015?
- ARTICLE 10.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$15,000 for functions related to the marketing committee?
- ARTICLE 11.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified Assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the Board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32?
TO BE VOTED BY PAPER BALLOT

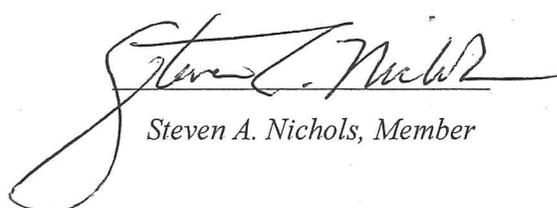
- ARTICLE 12.** Shall the Town vote to support the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Manchester and Town of Dorset that authorizes a study of public safety services? (advisory question)
- ARTICLE 13.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$420 for the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 14.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$500 for the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
- ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,000 to the Collaborative for the support of substance free events and education programs for middle and high school youth?
- ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,811 for the support of the Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly known as Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?
- ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,850 for the support of the Project Against Violent Encounters?
- ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice?
- ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000 for the support of the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV)?
- ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,400 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- ARTICLE 22.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500 for the support of the Tutorial Center?
- ARTICLE 23.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$3,250 for the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program?
- ARTICLE 24.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$4,000 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
- ARTICLE 25.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$198,000 for the operating support of the Mark Skinner Library (Manchester Community Library)?
- ARTICLE 26.** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
- ARTICLE 27.** To transact any other business appropriate to come before Town Meeting.

Warning adopted by the Selectboard on January 23, 2014:


Ivan C. Beattie, Chair


Wayne E. Bell, Vice-Chair


Carol M. Lattuga, Member


Steven A. Nichols, Member


Lisa A. Souls, Board Clerk

Posted January 23, 2014

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 Town Clerk