

**WARNING****TOWN OF MANCHESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (2020)**

The legal voters of the Town of Manchester, Vermont are hereby notified and warned that the Town will hold an annual meeting that will commence at the Manchester Elementary-Middle School gymnasium (80 Memorial Ave.) on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to transact any business not involving Australian ballot voting. The meeting will then adjourn until Tuesday, March 3, 2020 on which date the polls will open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Manchester Town Offices (40 Jeff Williams Way) to vote by Australian ballot.

**Town of Manchester Floor Meeting on February 29, 2020:**

- ARTICLE 1.** To present awards and make acknowledgments.
- ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers.
- ARTICLE 3.** 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 4.** Shall the Town appropriate \$5,343,326 to defray the operating expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, less anticipated non-property tax revenue, plus any voted appropriations?
- ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,641,500 to defray the capital expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, less anticipated capital-related non-property tax revenue?
- ARTICLE 6.** Shall the Town transfer all Fiscal Year 2021 local option tax revenues in excess of \$1,240,000 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 2021 local option tax revenues shall not exceed a total of \$1,240,000?
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the Town vote to authorize \$50,000 from the Taxpayer Relief Reserve Fund to the Manchester Business Association for the purposes of marketing the Town of Manchester and Village of Manchester in Fiscal Year 2021; and other functions associated with visitor and tourist services, as approved by the Selectboard; provided, that any funds authorized under this Article shall require an equal non-town match?
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall the Town of Manchester enter into a communications union district to be known as Southern Vermont Communication Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?
- ARTICLE 9.** Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, the real estate of the Masonic Lodge Temple, located at 138 Spruce Street in the Town of Manchester?
- ARTICLE 10.** Shall the Town appropriate a total of \$17,481 to the following human service organizations, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 and § 2692: (1) \$420 to Vermont Center for Independent Living; (2) \$500 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; (3) \$1,000 to The Collaborative; (4) \$1,500 to Neighbor to Neighbor; (5) \$1,500 to Retired Senior Volunteer Program; (6) \$1,811 to Community Action in Southwestern Vermont; (7) \$1,850 to Project Against Violent Encounters; (8) \$2,000 to Center for Restorative Justice; (9) \$2,000 to Greater Northshire Access Television; (10) \$2,400 to Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity; (11) \$2,500 to the Tutorial Center?
- ARTICLE 11.** To transact any other business appropriate to come before Town Meeting.

**Voting by ballot on March 3, 2020:**

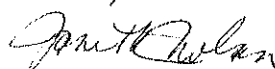
- ARTICLE 12.** Shall bonds or notes of the Town of Manchester in an amount not to exceed \$972,000, subject to direct reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of making certain public improvements and investments, namely: purchase of a fire truck; improvements to the public safety facility; certain sidewalk improvements along Main Street and Bonnet Street; construction of a new maintenance facility at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park and other improvements to the infrastructure at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park; the aggregate estimated cost of such improvements being \$972,000?
- ARTICLE 13.** Shall the Town appropriate \$4,000 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
- ARTICLE 14.** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000 for the support of VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (Manchester Health Services) to provide services to the residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$243,740 for the operating support of the Manchester Community Library?
- ARTICLE 16.** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.

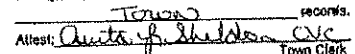
Warning adopted by the Manchester Selectboard on January 23, 2020:

  
Ivan C. Beattie, Chair

   
Wayne E. Bell, Vice-Chair      Gregory T. Cutler

  
Todd W. Nebraska

  
Janet K. Nolan

Manchester, VT Town Clerk's Office  
01/23 2020 at  
7 o'clock 30 minutes P.M.  
Book 14 Instrument # \_\_\_\_\_ pp. 651 of  
Town records.  
Attest:  Town Clerk