

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**Bennington County, SS:**  
**TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY**

**March 2017 Annual Meeting Warning**

Shaftsbury residents, qualified to vote at the Annual Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Shaftsbury Elementary School on **Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:30 PM** to transact the business specified below. Upon completion of such business, the Meeting will stand adjourned until **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM** when voting by Australian ballot will commence at the Buck Hill Road Fire House for the election of town officers and consideration of ballot articles.

Shaftsbury residents may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, 61 Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury VT or by going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**. Residents registering on Election Day must do so only at the polling place of their physical residence.

Early voting ballots are available up until **4:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017**.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:30 PM IN THE SHAFTSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 150 BUCK HILL ROAD.**

1. To hear reports of the Town Officers and take action thereon.
2. To Determine:
  - A. Shall Selectboard members each receive an annual stipend of \$500?
  - B. Shall the Town Treasurer receive an annual stipend of \$18,000?
  - C. Shall the Board of Auditors be paid a wage at the rate of \$10.50 per hour?
  - D. Shall the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable be paid a wage at the rate of \$10.50 per hour?
  - E. Shall the Board of Listers be paid a wage at the rate of \$10.50 per hour?
3. Shall the Town authorize collection of taxes on real or personal property by its Treasurer, which are due in hand on or before, **Friday, November 10, 2017** at 5:00 PM or likewise postmarked no later than **Friday, November 10, 2017**?
4. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$ 1,874,118 to defray the Town's general and highway expenses for Fiscal Year 2018, the amount of such sum to be raised by property taxes and to be reduced by non-tax revenues and reserve funds?
5. To transact any other non-binding business as legally may come before said meeting at this time.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**  
**7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**  
**FIRE STATION –166 BUCK HILL ROAD**

6. Shall General obligation bonds of the Town of Shaftsbury in an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of constructing a new highway department garage, transfer station and related infrastructure?
7. Shall the Town adopt the zoning bylaws draft approved by the Selectboard on January 30, 2017, correcting various inconsistencies, clarifying the language, aligning with changes in State statutes; and including a clarification to the Sign Ordinance regarding lighted signs?
8. Shall the Town Clerk be compensated by salary in lieu of any statutory fees allowed under 32 V.S.A. 1401? Previously the Town Clerk position was paid in fees and an annual stipend. Passing this article means that the position will be paid by salary and fees will be deposited into the Town's general fund?
9. Shall the Town provide notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard or letter, mailed to all residents at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the residents of the Town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 1682?
10. Shall the Town vote that water charges will bear interest at a rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter one and one half percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of such charges pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 5151(c)?
11. Shall the Town deposit the Grader Reserve Fund into the Equipment Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24V.S.A. 2804(a)?
12. Community Appropriations To Determine:
  - a) Shall the Town appropriate **\$7,000** to the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc.?
  - b) Shall the Town appropriate **\$5,225** to Bennington Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice?
  - c) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless?
  - d) Shall the Town appropriate **\$475** to the Bennington County Conservation District?
  - e) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Bennington Free Clinic?
  - f) Shall the Town appropriate **\$16,750** to the Bennington Free Library?
  - g) Shall the Town appropriate **\$4,560** to the Bennington Project Independence, Inc.?
  - h) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,700** to the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council?
  - i) Shall the Town appropriate **\$540** to the Center for Restorative Justice?
  - j) Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,000** to the Grandview Cemetery Association?
  - k) Shall the Town appropriate **\$200** to the Green-Up Vermont?
  - l) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,850** to the Habitat for Humanity?
  - m) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Park McCullough House Association?
  - n) Shall the Town appropriate **\$10,000** to the John G. McCullough Free Library?
  - o) Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,100** to the Martha Canfield Library?
  - p) Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,500** to the Paran Recreations, Inc.?
  - q) Shall the Town appropriate **\$450** to the Project Against Violent Encounters?
  - r) Shall the Town appropriate **\$950** to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

- s) Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,500** to the Shaftsbury Historical Society, Inc.?
- t) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,100** to the SW Vermont Council on Aging?
- u) Shall the Town appropriate **\$900** to the Tutorial Center?
- v) Shall the Town appropriate **\$300** to the VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired?
- w) Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the VT Center for Independent Living?

DATED at Shaftsbury, Vermont this **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, -2017.**

**TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD**

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Tim Scoggins, Chair

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Mitch Race, Vice Chair

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Ken Harrington, Member

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Art Whitman, Member

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Tony Krulikowski, Member