

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 6, 2012

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at **9:00 A.M.** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for the Various Town Officers and the Articles so noted.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest to procure wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water species, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes?

ARTICLE 4: Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real estate by two (2) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: half (50%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Monday, September 10, 2012, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, November 15, 2012?

ARTICLE 5: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Sections 932 and 933?

ARTICLE 6: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money?

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$400,000, less any grants or other reimbursements, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate to refinance the balance of the one-year line of credit utilized to cover expenses related to the May 20, 2011 and August 28, 2011 federally-declared disasters?

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$50,000, less any additional grants or reimbursements, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, to cover costs associated with the repair and renovation of the Waitsfield Historic Covered Bridge?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$200,000, less any grants, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate for repair or replacement of the culverts, catch basins, and associated stormwater infrastructure on Bridge Street and to repave the street from its intersection with Main Street to the Covered Bridge?

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for the expansion or relocation of the Town Office facility and to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to establish such fund in 2012?

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to the Waitsfield Cemetery Commission for the maintenance of Waitsfield cemeteries?

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town vote to exempt the Masonic Lodge, located at 4376 Main Street, from real estate taxes for a period of ten (10) years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters designate the Town of Waitsfield as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.) and authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation d/b/a Efficiency Vermont to operate the PACE program?

ARTICLE 14: In light of the United States Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Waitsfield vote on March 6, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional

Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U. S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

ARTICLE 15: Will the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the voted Town and School District budgets?

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 30th day of January, 2012 by:

Waitsfield Selectboard

Kate Williams, Chair

Charles Hosford, V. Chair

Paul Hartshorn

William Parker

Salvatore Spinosa