

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 5, 2013

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 5, 2013 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 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 Tuesday, September 10, 2013, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Friday, November 15, 2013?

ARTICLE 4: 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 5: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money?

ARTICLE 6: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow no later than 2014 an amount not to exceed \$250,000, 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 for repair or replacement of the culverts, catch basins, and associated stormwater infrastructure on Bridge Street, to repair the retaining wall, and to repave the street from its intersection with Main Street to the Covered Bridge?

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow no later than 2014 an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in conjunction with the project described in Article 6, above, to be paid over a period not more

than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of including the burial of conduit under Bridge Street to accommodate the future undergrounding of the overhead utilities?

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow no later than 2014 an amount not to exceed \$200,000, less any grants or other reimbursements, for replacement of the culvert on Tremblay Road across from the Town Garage, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow no later than 2014 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 10: Will the Town eliminate the office of Town Auditor pursuant to 17 VSA 2651b?

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town transition from a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) to a fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) for the municipal budget effective July 1, 2014?

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town establish an Agricultural Support Reserve Fund to provide grant assistance to agricultural property owners to help restore fields severely impacted by extreme weather events pursuant to criteria and standards defined by the Selectboard? If approved, this fund will be capped at \$10,000 and will be funded by not more than \$5,000 in any given year.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Waitsfield instruct the Selectboard to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health and safety, water bodies and other natural resources, in relation to tar sands oil transport through Vermont?

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town express its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values, and our natural resources; and

2. That the Town encourage the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands; and
3. That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands-related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills; and
4. That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and Canadian officials, and the CEOs of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, Montreal Pipe Line Limited, Imperial Oil, ExxonMobil, and Enbridge Inc.

ARTICLE 14: 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 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 28th day of January, 2013 by:

Waitsfield Selectboard:

Salvatore Spinosa, Chair
Charles Hosford, V. Chair
Logan Cooke
Paul Hartshorn
William Parker