

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

**WARNING
FOR ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008**

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 4, 2008 at 10:00 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 Tuesday, September 2, 2008, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, November 17, 2008?

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 raise and appropriate a sum of \$92,000 to be added to the Town's Reserve Funds as follows:

Fund	Amount
Equipment - Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$30,000
Equipment - Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Reserve	15,000
Equipment - Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	15,000
Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve	15,000
Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve	2,500
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	2,500
Street Trees Reserve Fund	5,000
Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve Fund	7,000
Total	\$92,000

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to create a reserve fund for repairs and improvements for the Historic Waitsfield Village Covered Bridge and to appropriate a sum of \$30,000 to start the fund in 2008?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the non-profit organization Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$600?

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the non-profit organization Family Center of Washington County in the amount of \$500?

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the non-profit organization Good Beginnings of Central Vermont in the amount of \$300?

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town approve the amendments to the Town of Waitsfield Subdivision Regulations as approved by the Selectboard on January 21, 2008, the complete text of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us? The proposed amendments, which apply to all lands within the town of Waitsfield, would:

1. more effectively reflect the desired land use pattern specific to each zoning district within a more readable format;
2. incorporate feedback from the public particularly in regard to connectivity and prime agricultural land;
3. include mandated flood hazard language; and
4. make minor editorial changes.

(This Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.)

YES: 576 (67%) NO: 251 (29%) BLANK: 36 (4%) TOTAL: 863

ARTICLE 13: Will the Town pass a non-binding resolution to support the implementation of full bike lanes on Route 100 from Bragg Hill Road in Waitsfield to Warren Village when it is repaved, currently scheduled for 2010. Safety, health and wellness, recreation and tourism are all benefits of the state fulfilling the requirements of Vermont Statutes Chapter 19 Section 2310 (a) and (b) that state "it is the policy of the state to provide paved shoulders on major state highways with the intent to develop an integrated bicycle route system."

ARTICLE 14: Will the Town pass a non-binding resolution to reduce the aggregate energy usage and carbon emissions of the residences, businesses, and institutions within the Town of Waitsfield by 10% by the year 2010.

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 28th day of January, 2008 by:

Waitsfield Selectboard:

Elwin A. Neill, Jr., Chairman

Charles Hosford

J. LeRoy Hadden, D.V.M.
Paul Hartshorn