

2017 Town Meeting Warning ~ Highgate Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Highgate, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Highgate Elementary School in the Town of Highgate on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00 A.M.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE #1: To elect the following town officers:

- 1) A Moderator for the ensuing year;
- 2) One Town Agent for the term of one (1) year;
- 3) One Selectboard Member for the term of two (2) years;
- 4) One Selectboard Member for a term of two (2) years remaining on a three (3) year term;
- 5) One Selectboard Member for the term of three (3) years;
- 6) One Lister for the term of three (3) years;
- 7) One Trustee of Trust Funds for the term of three (3) years;
- 8) One Library Trustee for the term of five (5) years;
- 9) One Cemetery Commissioner for the term of five (5) years;

The legally qualified voters of the Town of Highgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Highgate Elementary School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

ARTICLE #2: To receive and act on the reports of the town officers for the past year.

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RECESS TOWN MEETING AND ENTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

ARTICLE #1: To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following officers:

1. One Moderator for the ensuing year;
2. One School Director for the term of two (2) years;
3. One School director for the term of three (3) years;

ARTICLE #2: To act upon the reports of the School Directors.

ARTICLE #3: Will the voters of the Highgate Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenditures in anticipation of taxes and to sign notes for that purpose?

ARTICLE #4: Shall the voters of the Highgate Town School District approve the School Directors to expend **\$5,065,091**, which is the amount the School Directors have determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,982 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.9% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE #5: To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted, considered appropriate and necessary when met.

Dated at Highgate Center, Vermont this 2nd day of February, 2017.



Connie Beyor



Richard Flint



Chris Shepard



David Roddy



Nola Gilbert

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ADJOURN THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND REENTER THE TOWN MEETING

- ARTICLE #3:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$50,000** to be held in escrow to be used for the Highgate Public Library building fund?
- ARTICLE #4:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate authorize the Selectboard to utilize **\$250,000** of General Fund reserves for the purchase price of the properties located at 14 St. Armand Road and 3119 VT Route 78 from the Ephraim Machia Estate, for the purposes of increasing employment, income, business and investment and to plan the orderly growth of the Town in the face of increasing development pressures in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare?
- ARTICLE #5:** Shall the voters of Town of Highgate appropriate the sum of **\$7,424** for home health services provided by Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.?
- ARTICLE #6:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$10,000** to be utilized for Franklin County Sheriff's Office directed investigations?
- ARTICLE #7:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$252,667** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **Capital Improvement Plan**, with an estimated **\$252,667** to be raised by taxes?
- ARTICLE #8:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$975,448** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **General Fund**, with an estimated **\$398,714** to be raised by taxes?
- ARTICLE #9:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$723,924** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **Highway Fund**, with an estimated **\$573,224** to be raised by taxes?
- ARTICLE #10:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate authorize the Selectboard to sell the Cherry Hill property located on Rheume Road (parcel #0002009040 11.40 acres)?
- ARTICLE #11:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate authorize the Selectboard to sell the Dalcourt property located on VT Route 78 (parcel #0020078283 4.20 acres)?
- ARTICLE #12:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate authorize the Selectboard to sell the Lamkin Street property located next to the cemetery (parcel #0020005059 0.12 acres)?

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ARTICLE #13: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate vote all public questions by Australian ballot?

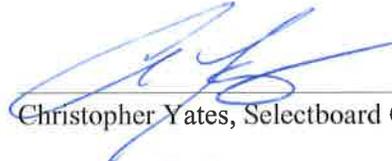
ARTICLE #14: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate set the final date of payment for the FY2018 property taxes to be **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** with payments to be received in the town office by 5:00pm?

ARTICLE #15: To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted, considered proper and necessary when met.

Dated at Highgate Center this **2nd** day of February, 2017.



Attest: Wendi Dusablon, Town Clerk



Christopher Yates, Selectboard Chair



Randall Connelly, Selectboard Member

Sharon Bousquet, Selectboard Vice-Chair



Joshua LaRocque, Selectboard Member



Bruce Butler, Selectboard Member