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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;

on Australian ballot

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.

voice vote - PASSED

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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; **Kyle Lothian**
2. One School Director for the term of two (2) years; **Richard Flint**
3. One School director for the term of three (3) years; **Connie Beyor**

voice vote - PASSED

ARTICLE #2:

To act upon the reports of the School Directors.

voice vote - PASSED

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?

voice vote - PASSED

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 **7.9%** higher than spending for the current year.

paper ballot as amended
- PASSED 100-75

\$4,982,640

\$13,727.00

7.9%

ARTICLE #5:

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

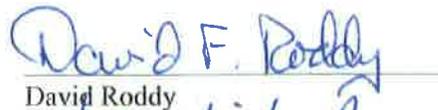
voice vote - PASSED

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? **voice vote - PASSED**

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? **voice vote - PASSED**

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.? **voice vote - PASSED**

ARTICLE #6: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$10,000** to be utilized for Franklin County Sheriff's Office directed investigations? **hand count - PASSED**

ARTICLE #7: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate ~~\$252,667~~ **\$222,667** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **Capital Improvement Plan**, with an estimated ~~\$252,667~~ **\$222,667** to be raised by taxes? **voice vote as amended - PASSED**

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? **voice vote - PASSED**

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? **voice vote - PASSED**

ARTICLE #10: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate authorize the Selectboard to sell the Cherry Hill property located on Rheaume Road (parcel #0002009040 11.40 acres)? **2 fair market value in an effort to reduce taxes** **voice vote as amended - PASSED**

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)? **2 fair market value in an effort to reduce taxes** **voice vote as amended - PASSED**

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)? **hand count - DEFEATED 51-47**

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

voice vote - TABLED

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?

voice vote - PASSED

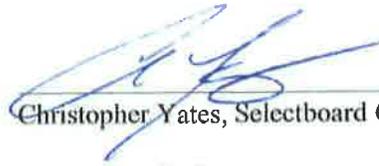
ARTICLE #15: To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted, considered proper and necessary when met.

voice vote - PASSED

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



Bruce Butler, Selectboard Member


Joshua LaRocque, Selectboard Member

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HIGHGATE, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2017**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>BOARD OF LISTERS</p> <p>for a term of three years vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JEFF TOWLE <u>402</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</p> <p>for a term of two years vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>STEVEN LAFAR <u>391</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TOWN AGENT</p> <p>for a term of one year vote for not more than ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p>for a term of five years vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CHARLES T. NYE <u>435</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</p> <p>for a term of two years remaining on a three year term vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SHARON BOUSQUET <u>409</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p>for ensuing year vote for not more than ONE</p> <p><u>Kyle Lothian</u> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <u>46</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>for a term of five years vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ALYSSA RYAN <u>405</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</p> <p>for a term of three years vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>BRUCE BUTLER <u>215</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN P. PATNODE <u>164</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p>for a term of three years vote for not more than ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>

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HIGHGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 7, 2017

The Board of School Directors of Highgate Town School District proposes to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of making necessary school building improvements to the Highgate Elementary School. **State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of the receipt of school construction aid.**

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Highgate Town School District in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, the application of reserves, and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing school building improvements, namely, parking lot repair and reconstruction at the Highgate Elementary School, at an estimated cost of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000)?

If in favor of the proposition issue,
make a cross (x) in this square:

216 yes

If opposed to the proposition issue,
make a cross (x) in this square:

240 no

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