



## 2010 TOWN OF DORSET, VERMONT WARNING

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset School, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLE 2, & 8 thru 21) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Article 1.** To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

**Article 2.** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

<b>Moderator, Town</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	_____	<b>3 year term</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>First Constable</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Second Constable</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Grand Juror, East Side</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Grand Juror, West Side</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Town Agent</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Lister</b>	_____	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Auditor</b>	_____	<b>3 year term</b>
<b>Auditor</b>	_____	<b>2 year term</b>

**Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow funds, in anticipation of taxes, necessary to pay current expenses?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize the collection of the Municipal Property taxes in two (2) installments on or before September 7, 2010 & March 8, 2011 with no discount and delinquent interest at the maximum rate allowed by law? Payments by mail postmarked on or before the due date are deemed paid on time. Municipal taxes become delinquent following the due date for the second payment and will be subject to interest and the 8% fee assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector.

**Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize the collection of all School Property taxes in two (2) installments; on or before September 7, 2010 & March 8, 2011 with no discount and delinquent interest at the maximum rate allowed by law? Payments by mail postmarked on or before the due date are deemed paid on time. School taxes become delinquent following the due date for the second payment and will be subject to interest and the 8% fee assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector.

**Article 6.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available, including loan funds available from the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund to be utilized in purchasing equipment for the Highway Department?

- Article 7.** Shall the voters grant the authority to the Selectboard to use any surplus budget funds to reduce the tax rate?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters approve the recorded Selectboard's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 9.** Shall the voters approve an increase from \$10,000 to \$40,000 of appraised value in the property tax exemption available for disabled veterans as authorized by 32 VSA §3802 (11)? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 10.** Shall voter approved appropriations for non-profit organizations be moved to floor discussion and voted? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council) in FY 2006-2007? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program formally known as the Bennington County Court Diversion Program? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the 6 Bank Street Shelter for Families in Transition, a project of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 17.** Shall the voters of appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Mettowee Valley Community Center, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining community recreational facilities? (by petition) To be voted by Australian ballot
- Article 21.** Shall the voters request the Selectboard to appropriate the sum \$1,500 for a feasibility study, to be done by VLCT, on the taxation of the Dorset & East Dorset Fire Districts? (by petition) To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 22.** To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.