



2012 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 5, 2012 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 6th 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, 7, 17-23) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6th. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 6th.

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:

Moderator, Town	_____	1 year term
Selectman	_____	3 year term
Selectman	_____	1 year term
Selectman	_____	1 year term
First Constable	_____	1 year term
Second Constable	_____	1 year term
Town Agent	_____	1 year term
Grand Juror – East Side	_____	1 year term
Grand Juror – West Side	_____	1 year term
Lister	_____	1 year term

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 11, 2012 & March 12, 2013 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 11, 2012 & March 12, 2013 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 approve the recorded Selectboard's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian ballot.



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- Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROOC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council) in FY 2011-2012?
- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?
- Article 11.** 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?
- Article 12.** 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?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters of appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Article 15.** 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?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate an increase in the sum of \$10,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents? By petition. To be voted by Australian Ballot
- Article 19.** Shall the voters approve the exemption of property taxes for the East Dorset Fire District #1 for a period of five (5) years, (2012-2017), tax map 25, block 20, lots 026 & 027; at 361 Village Street, which is owned by the East Dorset Fire District and is used exclusively for the purposes of such organization? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 20.** Shall the voters approve the exemption of property taxes for the Dorset Fire District #1 for a period of five (5) years, (2012-2017), tax map 23, block 20, lot 038; at 2788 Route 30, which is owned by the Dorset Fire District and is used exclusively for the purposes of such organization? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.



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- Article 21.** Shall the voters establish a town wide PACE District and authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement with Efficiency Vermont to operate a PACE program in Dorset. The PACE program would enable interested property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's tax bill as provided by 24 VSA Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.) By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 22.** Shall the voters approve to appropriate \$2,000 to Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) to help support & defray costs related to the videotaping and television broadcast of the Dorset Select Board , Dorset School Board and other public and municipal meetings? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 23.** Shall the Town oppose the installation of Wireless Smart Meters? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.
- Article 24.** To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting