

# Town of Westminster

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## WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

### TOWN OF WESTMINSTER, TOWN FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 3 AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Westminster, the Town Fire District Number 3, and the Westminster Town School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium in Westminster, Vermont on Saturday February 27, 2016 at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00A.M.) to take action on the Articles following Article 1.

The meeting will be recessed to the Westminster Institute, East Parish, Westminster, Vermont to meet at eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for the consideration of Article 1 by Australian Ballot. The polls shall remain open until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.) at which time the meeting will recess to meet at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium at eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 P.M.) on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to consider any remaining articles, if necessary.

- Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers, Town Fire District Number 3 Officers and Town School District Officers by Australian ballot, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.).
- Article 2:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to take action thereupon.
- Article 3:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.
- Article 4:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will authorize the Selectboard to purchase a 2016 grader for the sum of \$360,000 reduced by trade-in of existing grader, with balance to be financed through a 5 year promissory note in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.
- Article 5:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Bridge Rehabilitation Reserve Fund.
- Article 6:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the monthly publication of the Westminster Gazette.
- Article 7:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,534 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the Town.
- Article 8:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will vote to purchase a parcel of land (1.7 +/- acres) and dwelling located adjacent to the Town Hall on the south side off US Route 5 in Westminster for the purpose of providing additional parking, storage and office space for the sum of \$224,200, to be financed through a 5 year promissory note.

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- Article 9:** *Article 9 shall not be considered unless Article 8 (above) is approved.*  
To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will authorize the Selectboard to sell the parcel of land and Post Office building located on Route 5 in the Westminster Village for a price to be determined in the discretion of the Selectboard.
- Article 10:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate money to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair highways and pay general expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, and if so, how much?
- Article 11:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster meeting.
- Article 12:** To hear the reports of the Town Fire District Number 3 and to take action thereupon.
- Article 13:** To see whether Town Fire District Number 3 shall authorize and instruct its Prudential Committee and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to meet current expenses, on the credit of the District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal Funds.
- Article 14:** To see whether Town Fire District Number 3 shall raise and appropriate money to pay the indebtedness and other general expenses of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, and if so, how much?
- Article 15:** To transact any other business proper to be brought before the Town Fire District Number 3 meeting.
- Article 16:** To hear the reports of the Westminster Town School District Officers for the last year and to take action thereon.
- Article 17:** Shall the Westminster Town School District authorize and instruct its School Directors and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, on the credit of the Town School District for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of money due from state aid.
- Article 18:** Shall the Westminster Town School District vote to pay its District Officers compensation in the amounts of: Board Chair-\$1,100.00; Board Members-\$800.00; Clerk- \$125.00 and; Treasurer-\$1,000.00.
- Article 19:** Shall the Westminster Town School District apply the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) from the fiscal year 2015 fund balance to create a reserve fund to be used for capital improvements at the Westminster Schools and authorize the board to expend said funds.
- Article 20:** Shall the Westminster Town School District apply the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) from the fiscal year 2015 fund balance to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in fiscal year 2018 in order to reduce taxes.

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**Article 21:** Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District approve the school board to expend five million, thirty three thousand, five hundred three dollars (\$5,033,503.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of sixteen thousand, ninety nine dollars and eight cents (\$16,099.08) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.33% higher than spending for the current year.

**Article 22:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District Meeting.

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elise Manning-Sterling, Chair  
Rick Gordon, Clerk  
David Ramos  
Ian Sbardellati  
David Major

## TOWN OF WESTMINSTER SELECTBOARD

Sheldon Beebe, Chair  
Paul Banik, Vice Chair  
Craig Allen, Clerk  
Nancy Dalzell  
Toby Young

## WESTMINSTER FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 3 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Christopher J. Hackett  
Robert J. Haas  
Daniel Green