

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that Vermont now has same day voter registration. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day during the hours the polls are open. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballot at the Town Clerk's office on Monday March 5th, 2018 until 5 PM. Any authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

WARNING AND MINUTES
FOR TOWN MEETING 2018

The residents of the Town of Warren who are legal voters in the town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Warren Elementary School in the Town of Warren on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following matters:

Moderator, Mac Rood called the meeting to order at 4pm and read the Town Warning for 2018.

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2017?

PTO member, Lisa Reisner thanked the Town for the Green Mountain National Forest money. David Ellison stated that historically the money went to the Warren School and since the school had been unified into the district why shouldn't the money go to the Town.

Wayne Kathan asked about the \$8500 in the recreation budget and was told his question would have to wait until the budget discussion.

Motion made and seconded to accept the reports for the Town Officers for 2017. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Robert Ackland moved that the town approve an amount of \$3,695,435 to meet expenses and liabilities of the town including the Capital expenditures.

Selectmen, Robert Ackland presented a slide show giving over view of the town income and expenses followed by questions from the audience.

Discussion and explanation of the State imposed Municipal Road Permit. Explanation of the heating system for the Town garage and was it going to include solar/heat pump.

Road crew was commended on their work, discussion on paving dirt roads. Lincoln Gap is going to be resurfaced from Hanks Rd to the Town line.

Fay Kathan stated that it appeared that the Capital Budget on paving was not going to be adequately funding after next year. Robert Ackland stated that more money would have to be added.

Wilkinson asked what the increase in health care was and what plan the Town supplied to the employees. Robert Ackland stated that the Town carried the Gold Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan.

Town Administrator, Cindi Jones added that the increase was due to her being covered under her

husband's health care plan but unfortunately his employer had dropped coverage for family. Employee coverage is 5% for single person, 10% for 2 persons and 15% for family. Alan Hartshorn stated that by Vermont Statute the cost of the Fire Warden should be included in the Select board budget not the fire department. Andrew Cunningham stated that it would be researched and corrected if necessary. Motion was made and seconded to approve the sum of \$3695435 to meet expenses and liabilities of the town including the Capital expenditures. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 3. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?

Motion made and seconded to approve article 3 as printed. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Motion made and seconded to approve article 4. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$10,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2018 to be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission and Reserve Fund Charter dated 24 April 2007?

Gene Bifano questioned if the Conservation Commission had any future plans for the money or if it was going to be stock piled year after year.

Conservation Commissioners Jito Coleman and Damon Reed explained benefits of having leverage money and some of the wildlife and land use studies the commission had conducted. Question was called and motion made and seconded to approve article 5. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to change the name of the Capital Budget item known as Library Building to Library Building Improvements Fund?

Motion made and seconded to approve article 6. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative

Article 7. Shall the Town of Warren authorize expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies in the amounts of?
Home Share Now, Inc. \$400
Washington County Mental Health \$1,200

Roberta Rood gave an over view of both programs and explained how they both helped the town and state. Question was called and a motion made and seconded to approve article 7. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property paid in installments, and set the dates, and to see whether payments shall be with or without discounts, and set the amount thereof?

Reta Goss moved that taxes be “billed on July 15, due on August 15 and Delinquent November 15th, without discount or installments. Motion seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Treasurer, Dayna Lisaius stated that the Town offered several ways to pay taxes. Tax payers are allowed to make weekly, monthly or quarterly payments. Town also offers automatic monthly withdrawals and credit card.

Article 9. Shall the Town Vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren PTO?

Alycia Biondo moved that the Green Mountain National Forest Money be given to the Warren PTO, motion seconded.

David Ellison stated that the PTO had its own funding, not appropriate for the town to fund. Ron Altman stated that it was not appropriate and that the PTO should hold fund raisers.

Motion was called and seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 10. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?

Nick Morehouse moved to approve article 10, motion seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 11. Shall the town vote to start next year’s Town Meeting at 4:00 o’clock in the afternoon at the Warren Elementary School?

Dave Ellison moved to start next year’s town meeting at 4pm. Motion seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative

Article 12. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

The Election of all Town and School Officers required by law.

Moderator 1 Year – L. Macrae Rood

Selectmen 3 Year-Clay Mays

Selectmen 2 Year- Robert Ackland

Town Clerk 3 Year – Reta Goss

Harwood Union Unified School District Director 3 Year Term

Rosemarie White 181 votes
Write in Valerie Bigelow 112 votes
Delinquent Tax Collector 3 Year – Reta Goss
Town Agent 1 Year – Wayne Kathan
Cemetery Commission 5 Year – Rudy Elliott
Library Commission 3 Year – Carl Lobel
Library Commission 3 Year – Ellen Kucera (New Position)
Lister 3 Year – Michael Kelley
Cemetery Commission 4 Year – Michele Eid

Article 13. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. (Non-Binding Article)

Discussion on whether or not people want roads paved. Roads were very muddy and emergency vehicles cannot respond creating a safety issue. Increase in traffic puts more stress on roads. Possible study committee to see if people want roads paved (Plunkton).

David Sellers moved that the Town notify our legislators and senators to vote to enact a ban on assault weapons throw out the US. Amended to just the AR15. Bill Robinson, a member of Gun Owners of Vermont explained his views on this issue. Show of voice vote 39 in favor, 9 opposed.

Richard Czaplinski moved that the town approve a resolution on the Comprehensive Energy Plan. (see attached) Motion seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

All motions made under Article 13 are nonbinding, no official action will be taken.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 6:45pm. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative




Andrew Cunningham



Robert Ackland



Randall Graves



Clay Mays

Luke Youmell

Resolution for Warren 2018 Town Meeting:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases,

and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most

urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its

energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:

1. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
2. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
3. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.

Upon passage of this Resolution, the Selectboard is requested to communicate this message to

the Governor, the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.