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Valley Reporter Notice

Voters of The Town of Warren

The FY 2022 Town of Warren approved budget by the Selectboard is now posted on the Warren Website at www.warrenvt.org for your viewing. There will be NO Town Meeting Day Meeting this year due to the concerns surrounding the pandemic. The board will host 2 Informational Budget meetings to answer any questions that you may have as follows:

Sunday, Feb 20th at 5:00 PM – Warren Town Hall/Library – Top Floor. This is an in-person meeting for anyone wanting to ask questions about the budget. Please wear your mask prior to entering the Town Hall and throughout the meeting. This meeting will also be streamed live by MRVTV and available thereafter on their YouTube channel.

Tuesday, Feb 22, 6:30PM – Regularly Scheduled Selectboard meeting with Zoom attendance encouraged for those who do not wish to take part in the in-person meeting on the 20th. This will serve as the second Informational meeting for voters to ask questions not answered by the MRVTV video.

All Articles on the Warning will be voted by Australian Ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Warren Town Hall, located at 413 Main Street, Warren, VT 05675

At the same time ballots will be available for the Harwood Unified Union School District Budget and the proposed creation of the Central Vermont Career Center in Barre Vt.....

Minutes of February 20, 2022 Public Informational Meeting
Warren Selectboard
Streamed on MRTV
5:00 PM

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair; Luke Youmell, Vice Chair; Bob Ackland; Camilla Behn; Devin Klein Corrigan.

Others Present: MRTV, Doug Bergstein, Alex Maclay, Margo Wade, Dave Ellison, Ellen Kucera, Alex McClay.

Mr. Cunningham noted that voting will take place through Australian Ballot on March 1. He then proceeded with introducing the Articles to be presented.

Budget Information

Article 1 regarding the budget amount to be approved was read by Mr. Cunningham, followed by a presentation by Mr. Ackland reviewing various sections of the proposed budget.

Mr. Ackland noted that the budget as proposed reflects a 2% increase over the amount approved in 2019. The total budget is up 21% over the 2021 budget, which was reduced due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19 considerations. He explained that the Board has addressed the rewarding of staff efforts by bringing pay rates in line with market rates; this represents a larger-than-usual increase into salaries and associated costs, but was deemed critical for staff retention.

Mr. Ackland went on the review these sections of the proposed budget:

- Administrative Services
- Services – Fire Department, Constable, Emergency Management, Library, Recreation
- Highways and Bridges
- Buildings, Water/Electric infrastructure, Insurance, Taxes
- Capital Expenditures

Doug Bergstein provided some further detail regarding the Recreation District's activities and budget.

Mr. Ackland explained that a portion of the amounts budgeted for road expenses is to provide required matching funds when grant monies are awarded.

Ms. Kucera, Library Commissioner, provided some clarification regarding the library budget.

Margo Wade provided information regarding hazardous waste collections for 2022 and the increase in fees to be paid to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance.

Mr. Ackland presented associated tax rate information, explaining that at this point these are estimates, and won't be finalized until later in the year.

An explanation of the agreement with the Washington County Sheriff Department and the associated coverage and expenses was provided.

Additional Warned Articles

Mr. Cunningham read through the rest of the Articles warned, providing some clarifying information where necessary.

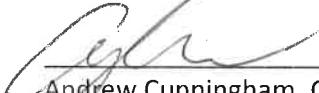
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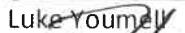
Mr. Cunningham listed the several Town Officer Reports that are available in the Annual Town Report.

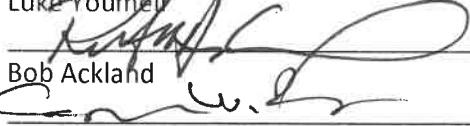
Attendees were reminded of the upcoming Public Hearings to be held related to adoption of the new Land Use and Development Regulations.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Carol Chamberlin, Planning Assistant

The Warren Selectboard


Andrew Cunningham, Chair


Luke Youmen


Bob Ackland


Camilla Behn


Devin Klein Corrigan