

WARNING
TOWN OF WESTON, VERMONT
FOR ANNUAL MARCH TOWN MEETING 2016

The legal voters (The legal voters of the Town of Weston are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.) of the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vermont on Tuesday, the 1st day of March 2016, at 9:00 A.M. to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a one year term.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Town Clerk for a one year term.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Town Treasurer for a one year term.

ARTICLE 4: To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:

One Selectperson to a three year term

One Selectperson to a two year term

One Lister to a three year term

A Town Constable to a one year term

A Second Town Constable to a one year term

Collector of Delinquent Taxes to a one year term

Town Grand Juror to a one year term

Town Agent to a one year term

One Library Trustee to a five year term.

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One Trustee of Public Funds to a three year term

One Cemetery Commissioner for a five year term

ARTICLE 5: To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of indebtedness.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Building Maintenance. (Included in Town General budget.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will appropriate \$3,500 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will appropriate \$35,000 for the Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000 to the Space Planning and Management Fund.
(Included in Town General budget.)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$39,075 to the following organizations that included financial information with their request. Requested amounts are included in Town General budget.

Organization	2014 Actual Request	2014 Voter Approved	2015 Actual Request	2015 Voter Approved	2016 Actual Request
Cold Spring Park - WCA	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Farrar Park Association	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Weston Cemetery Commission*	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$8,000	\$500*
Weston Recreation Club	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0 ** see Article 12
Weston Volunteer Fire Department	\$17,775	\$17,775	\$21,825	\$21,825	\$0 ** see Article 13
Wilder Memorial Library	\$10,600	\$10,600	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
Subtotal of Organizations located in Weston	\$51,875	\$51,875	\$51,425	\$58,925	\$23,100
Londonderry Rescue Squad	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
GNAT TV	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
SEVCA -Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc.	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
Mountain Valley Medical Clinic	\$4521	\$9,000	\$4,052	\$9,000	\$0 ** see Article 14
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Vermont Green-Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
The Collaborative	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Neighborhood Connections	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$0 **see Article 15
Vermont Assn for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
West River Sports Association	\$480	\$852.50	\$990	\$990	\$635
HCRS Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
Visiting Nurse Assoc. & Hospice of VT and NH	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350
The Partnership/Manchester Chamber of Commerce					\$2,000
Council on Aging – Senior Solutions	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
Subtotal of Other Organizations	\$20,341	\$25,192.50	\$20,382	\$26,330	\$15,975
Total of Weston & Other Organizations	\$72,216	\$77,067.50	\$71,807	\$84,255	\$39,075

** Under Vermont law the Cemetery Commission's request included in the Town Report may not exceed \$500 but may be increased if requested at Town Meeting. The Cemetery Commission plans to ask to increase such appropriations to \$8,300 this increase of \$7,800.00 is not included in the Town General Budget.*

***These items are considered separately in Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15. Request letters are in back of this report.*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will appropriate \$13,000 to Weston Recreation Club as requested.
(Not Included in Town Budget.)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will appropriate \$36,525 to Weston Volunteer Fire Department as requested.
(Not Included in Town Budget.)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will appropriate \$9,000 to Mountain Valley Medical Center as requested.
(Not Included in Town Budget.)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will appropriate \$3,000 to Neighborhood Connections as requested.
(Not Included in Town Budget.)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$850 to the following organizations that did not include financial information with their request.
(Total amount is included in Town General budget.)

Organization	2014 Actual Request	2014 Voter Approved	2015 Actual Request	2015 Voter Approved	2016 Actual Request
The Current – Connecticut River Transit, Inc.	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Windsor County Youth Services	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Subtotal of other Organizations	\$850	\$850	\$850	\$850	\$850
Total of All Organizations	\$73,066	\$77,917.50	\$72,657	\$85,105	\$39,925

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to direct the selectboard to change existing parking for the Town Annex and the Weston Town Office to the proposed parking plan as described in the attached drawing and provide a walkway at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. (By petition. Petition and drawing can be seen at the Town Office and drawing will be available in the lobby at Town Meeting.) (Not included in Town General budget.) Note: The Vermont Legislature has not conferred upon voters the authority to direct the Selectboard to change existing parking for a town and provide a walkway. Consequently such a petition can be treated as **advisory and non-binding** or can be denied outright by the Selectboard. At present the Selectboard has no opinion on this matter.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will appropriate \$90,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund.
(Included in the Town Highway Budget.)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will appropriate \$85,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town Highway Budget.)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will appropriate \$25,000 for the Highway Maintenance Fund (for paving).
(Included in Town Highway Budget.)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will set the Annual Salary for the Town Treasurer at \$21,925 for the calendar year January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
(Included in Town General Budget.)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will set the Annual Salary for the Town Clerk at \$16,825 for the calendar year January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
(Included in Town General Budget.)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the town set the Annual Compensation for the Selectboard at \$1,200 each for the calendar year January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
(Included in Town General Budget.)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Clerk/Town Treasurer collect current taxes due on or before Monday, October 3, 2016.

ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters approve total General Fund expenditure of \$476,318.87 of which \$213,514.98 shall be raised by taxes and \$130,840.00 by non-tax revenues and \$131,963.89 by prior year surplus.


ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters approve total Highway Fund expenditure of \$817,219.00 of which \$636,872.96 shall be raised by taxes and \$144,280.00 by non-tax revenues, offset by a prior year surplus of \$40,066.04.

ARTICLE 27: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

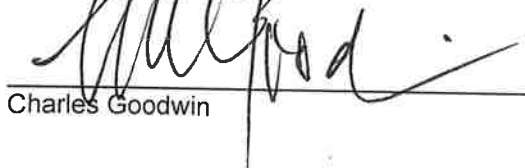
Dated at Weston, Vermont
January 20, 2016
WESTON SELECTBOARD



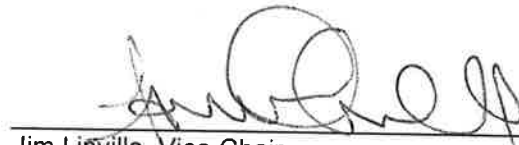
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