

WARNING TOWN OF BRIDPORT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Bridport are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bridport Masonic/Community Hall on Tuesday March 3, 2020 to transact the following business. The polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The business meeting will be open at 10:30 AM.

Article 1. To elect the following officers by Australian ballot:

- Town Moderator for a term of one year.
- Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Selectboard member for a term of two years.
- Auditor for a term of three years.
- Lister for a term of three years.
- Lister for a term of one year.
- Water Commissioner to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Tri-Town Water District #1 for a term of three years.
- First Constable for a term of one year.
- Second Constable for a term of one year.
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years.
- Town Agent to prosecute and defend suits for a term of one year.

Article 2. To hear reports of the Town Officers and take action there on.

Article 3. Will the Voters appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the **Bridport Fire Department**?

Article 4. Will the Voters appropriate **\$8,000.00** for **Townline First Response**?

Article 5. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,900.00** for **Addison County Central Teens**?

Article 6. Will the Voters appropriate **\$608.00** for **Addison County Economic Development Corporation**?

Article 7. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,500.00** for **Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.**?

Article 8. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Addison County Humane Society**?

Article 9. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,600.00** for **Addison County Parent/Child Center**?

Article 10. Will the Voters appropriate **\$350.00** for **Addison County Readers, Inc.**?

Article 11. Will the Voters appropriate **\$400.00** for **Addison County Restorative Justice Services**?

Article 12. Will the Voters appropriate **\$760.00** for **Addison County Transit Resources**?

Article 13. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,000.00** for **Age Well**?

- Article 14. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **American Red Cross NH VT**?
- Article 15. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** for **Charter House Coalition**?
- Article 16. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,750.00** for **Counseling Service of Addison County**?
- Article 17. Will the Voters appropriate **\$700.00** for **Elderly Services/Project Independence**?
- Article 18. Will the Voters appropriate **\$600.00** for **End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services)**?
- Article 19. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,250.00** for **HOPE**?
- Article 20. Will the Voters appropriate **\$700.00** for **John Graham Emergency Shelter**?
- Article 21. Will the Voters appropriate **\$12,180.00** for **Middlebury Regional EMS**?
- Article 22. Will the Voters appropriate **\$850.00** for **Open Door Clinic**?
- Article 23. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,000.00** for **Platt Memorial Library**?
- Article 24. Will the Voters appropriate **\$320.00** for **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**?
- Article 25. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Vermont Adult Learning**?
- Article 26. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**?
- Article 27. Will the Voters appropriate **\$200.00** for **Vermont CARES**?
- Article 28. Will the Voters appropriate **\$190.00** for **Vermont Center for Independent Living**?
- Article 29. Will the Voters appropriate **\$250.00** for **Vermont Family Network**?
- Article 30. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,250.00** for **WomenSafe**?
- Article 31. Will the Voters authorize the creation of a Masonic/Community Hall Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance, including for repairs and improvements, of the Hall, which Fund shall be under the control of the Selectboard with it having the right to spend the Fund for said purpose and which Fund shall include from Hall rents received **\$25.00** of every daily rental charge?
- Article 32. Will the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend up to **\$45,000.00** to be financed over a three year period to purchase a one ton truck with equipment to replace the 2012 Dodge one ton Truck in addition to the use of the old Truck as a trade-in or its sale proceeds to purchase the replacement truck?
- Article 33. At the March 6, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for the culvert replacement project on the Basin Harbor Road at the West Branch of Dead Creek, the Voters authorized the Selectboard to spend up to **\$85,812.00** from the accumulated General Fund Balance as the Town's share of the project's **\$429,160.00** cost; will the Voters authorize the Selectboard to instead spend from the accumulated General Fund Balance an estimated **\$90,000.00** amount on the project based on using an estimated **\$450,000.00** for the project's cost and with the Selectboard authorized to increase both of said amounts as it determines is needed to complete the project?

Article 34. Will the Voters authorize the Selectboard to construct new bridge and/or culvert improvements regarding replacement of a bridge on Middle Road and/or replacement of a culvert on each of the Mountain Road and/or Lake Street and/or replacement of double culverts on Rattlin Bridge Road as designated by the Selectboard and to borrow up to **\$400,000.00** for use of the Town's share of the costs of such projects to be paid as determined by the Selectboard over a period of up to five years; with the Selectboard authorized to also borrow for the costs of such projects for which the Town is due to be reimbursed by funding from the State of Vermont or any other source which costs might exceed an estimated **\$1,270,000.00**?

Article 35. Shall the Town have its property taxes paid to its Treasurer on or before November 10, 2020?

Article 36. Shall the Town approve the sums of **\$1,068,650.00** and **\$293,853.00** for the proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of **\$1,362,503.00** ; with up to **\$1,126,666.00** to be raised by taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts?

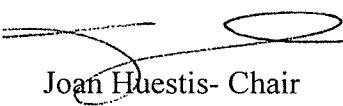
Article 37. To transact any other non-binding business thought proper at this time.

NOTICE of AVAILABILITY of 2019 Bridport Annual Town Report

At the March 3, 2015 Town of Bridport Annual Town Meeting, the Voters authorized the Selectboard to give at least thirty days advance notice before the date of the Annual Town Meeting of the availability of the Bridport Annual Town Report.

The 2019 Town Report will be available for review and/or download on the Town of Bridport website (www.bridportvt.org) on or before February 20, 2020. In addition, printed copies of the Town Report will be made available at the Town Clerk's Office on or before February 20, 2020. Any Town Voter or resident may request to receive a printed copy of the Town Report by requesting it at the Bridport Town Clerk's Office. Residents may call 758-2483, email bridporttown@gmavt.net, mail a request to P.O. Box 27, Bridport, VT 05734, or stop by the office to request a copy of the Town Report.

Dated January 28, 2020 by the Selectboard members of the Town of Bridport.


Joan Huestis- Chair


Tim Howlett


David Bronson

Mike Lawton

Matt Lawton



