

WARNING
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2018

The legal voters of the town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 6th of day of March, 2018 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year (Tim Murphy – term expires)
2. Accept the reports of Town Officers
3. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot (Leanne Barnard, appointed to fill remainder of Colin Sorenson's two year term – term expires)
 - b. A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot (Mark Brouillette – term expires)
 - c. A Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)
 - d. A Town Treasurer and Collector of Current Taxes for a term of three years by ballot (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)
 - e. A Lister for a term of three years by ballot (Lynda Cluba – term expires)
 - f. A First Constable for a term of one year (Brent Godin – term expires)
 - g. An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year (Barry Kade – term expires)
 - h. One of more Grand Jurors for a term of one year (Selectboard – term expires)
 - i. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Lynda Cluba – term expires)
 - j. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Joy Bosley – term expires)
 - k. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Patricia Perl – term expires)
 - l. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Claire Draper – term expires)
 - m. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Rita Kalsmith – term expires)
 - n. A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years (William Baker Sr. – term expires)
 - o. A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Kenneth Miller, appointed to fill remainder of Abe Barnard's three year term – term expires)
 - p. A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Barry Kade – term expires)

4. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Police/Constable Operating Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance to the general fund. All future expenditures paid through General Fund, Town Officers?
5. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Rescue Department Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance to the general fund. All future expenditures paid through Rescue Operating Expenses and Contracted Services?
6. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Hectorville Bridge Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance. All future expenditures paid through the general fund?
7. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
 - a. Fire Department: 2017 - \$28,000; 2018 - \$34,000
 - b. Rescue Department: 2017 - \$29,600; 2018 - \$0
 - c. Machinery Replacement Fund: 2017 - \$10,000; 2018 - \$32,000
 - d. Infrastructure Replacement Fund: 2017 - \$87,000; 2018 - \$52,700
 - e. Library Operating Expenses and Payroll: 2017 - \$18,917; 2018 - \$19,032
 - f. Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2017 - \$25,000; 2018 - \$50,000
 - g. Recreation Department: 2017 - \$22,000; 2018 - \$20,000
 - h. Reappraisal Fund: 2017 - \$6,000; 2018 - \$8,000
 - i. Conservation Commission: 2017 - \$750; 2018 - Same
 - j. Emergency Management: 2017 - \$1,200; 2018 - \$1,200
 - k. Restoration of Records: 2017 - \$2,500; 2018 - \$4,000
 - l. Police/Constable Operating: 2017 - \$500; 2018 - \$0
8. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?
 - a. Town Clerk: 2017 - \$16,500; 2018- \$18,000
 - b. Town Treasurer: 2017 - \$14,500; 2018 - \$16,000
 - c. Each Selectboard Member: 2017 - \$1,000 + thanks; 2018 – Same
 - d. Listers: 2017 – 1st year members \$15.00/hr, 2nd year members \$18.00/hr.
2018 – same
 - e. Board of Civil Authority: 2017 - \$10.00/hr.; 2018 – Vermont Minimum Wage
 - f. Board of Abatement: 2017 - \$10.00/hr.; 2018 - Vermont Minimum Wage
 - g. All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties, and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?

9. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?
 - a. Age Well (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) 2017 - \$1,800; 2018 - requested \$2,000
 - b. Franklin Home Health 2017 - \$2,522; 2018 – requested \$2,522
 - c. Franklin County Industrial Development 2017 - \$500; 2018- requested \$500
 - d. Hazen's Notch Association 2017 - \$1,000; 2018 – requested \$1,000
 - e. Missisquoi River Basin Association 2017 - \$500; 2018 – requested \$500
 - f. Green Up Day Vermont 2017 - \$0; 2018 – requested \$100
 - g. Green Mountain Transit 2017 - \$0; 2018 – requested \$568
 - h. Montgomery Town Association 2017 - \$1,000; 2018 – requested \$1,000
10. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$458,758 for Contingent Selectboard? 2017 - \$460,043
11. Shall the town recommend the Selectboard adopt the *Vacant and Dangerous Building Ordinance* as proposed, appearing elsewhere in this report?
12. Shall the town recommend the Selectboard publish the full Delinquent Tax Collector's Report (including names and amounts of delinquent property owners) as of December 31, 2018 in the *Town of Montgomery & Montgomery School District 2018 Report(s)*.
13. Shall the town recommend the Selectboard publish a list of Delinquent Water Accounts (including names and amounts of those delinquent accounts) as of December 31, 2018 in the *Town of Montgomery & Montgomery School District 2018 Report(s)*.
14. Shall the town vote to approve a half cent increase in the tax rate to be allotted to a fund for conservation, hereby establishing a Conservation Reserve Fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804. The fund will be saved and used to leverage additional monies to conserve land in the public interest. Priorities will be placed on community projects, and/or projects that are not traditionally funded by local, state, or federal conservation entities or agencies. This money may be held in reserve over a number of years before being used for a specific project. Public hearing(s) will be held prior to the use of any monies from the Conservation Reserve Fund, awarded at the discretion of the Selectboard, by recommendation of the Conservation Commission. This appropriation would be contingent on the annual approval by the voters of Montgomery.
15. Shall the Town vote to change the final Property Tax installment date to the second Friday in November (currently the second Friday in October) to better accommodate the Vermont Department of Taxes Homestead Declaration and State Payment download schedule?

16. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 29th day of January, 2018 AD

Selectboard



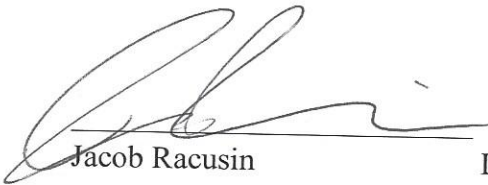
Charlie Hancock, Chairman



Darren Drevik, Vice Chairman



Mark Brouillette



Jacob Racusin



Leanne Barnard

Attest:



Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date:

1/29/2018