

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 1, 2008**  
**and**  
**March 4, 2008**

The citizens of Woodstock who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theater in said Town on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2008 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing no later than 11:59 P.M., to be adjourned until March 4, 2008 for the purpose of transacting during that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The citizens of Woodstock who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, County of Windsor, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theater in the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, reconvening at 7:00 A.M., continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot.

**ARTICLE I:** The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including:  
(Australian Ballot)

- Select Board (3 year term - 1)
- Select Board (2 year term- 1)
- Town Treasurer
- Moderator
- Lister (3 year term-1)
- Lister (1 year term-1)
- Auditor (3 year term-1)
- Auditor (2 year term-1)
- Trustee of Public Funds (3 year term)
- Cemetery Commissioner (3 year term)
- Grand Juror
- First Constable
- Second Constable
- Town Agent
- Elementary School Board Director (3 year term)
- Woodstock Union High School Board Director (3 year term)

**ARTICLE II:** To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.

**ARTICLE III:** To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Select Board	750.00 per year
Town Treasurer	14,500.00 per year
Listers	20.00 per hour
Constables	20.00 per hour
Moderator	50.00 each time serves

**ARTICLE IV:** To see if the Town and Town School District will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, and School District Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 7, 2008 and May 1, 2009.

**ARTICLE V.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.

**ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from unreserved surplus funds to be used for tax stabilization for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

**ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Million Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Eighty Five Dollars (\$3,877,085) , which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$2,478,640) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2008-2009.

Parades	\$ 1,600
Fireworks	7,000
Library Contribution	126,000
Pentangle	30,000
Recreation Dept. contribution	224,100
Emergency Shelter Rental	92,000
Health Officer	5,300
Town Hall Building	115,600
Select Board	19,200
Executive	97,800
Administration	30,900
Finance	184,215
Town Clerk	80,975
Planning and Zoning	92,925
Town Highways	1,177,740
Cemetery Maintenance	6,500
Sanitation	19,400
Ambulance Department	323,220
Fire Department	199,600
Emergency Services Bldg. Maint.	44,950
Constable	23,600
Dispatch Services	247,900
Comfort Station	58,060
County Tax	77,000
Village Highway Rebate	215,000
Unclassified	32,500
Insurance	88,000
Capital Outlay	<u>256,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,877,085</b>

**ARTICLE VIII:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock vote to continue to contract police services with the Village of Woodstock for the purpose of providing law enforcement services in the area of Woodstock that comprises the Town Police Service District, and to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$223,170) for these police services during the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (**Note:** the tax for this appropriation is on property located outside of the village boundaries). (Australian Ballot.)

**ARTICLE IX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$664,685) which includes Five Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$599,585) from user fees and Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$65,100) from other revenues to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2008-2009.

**ARTICLE X:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.

**ARTICLE XI:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

**ARTICLE XII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock, Vermont enter into an Interlocal Contract with other municipalities, under Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 4901, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open-access, financially self sustaining broadband communications system to provide communications services, including high-speed Internet, telephone and cable television, to the residents, businesses and institutions of these towns?

**ARTICLE XIII:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock vote to authorize the Select Board to purchase the property located at 25 South Street (formerly A & B Motors) for the sum of \$400,000 and to pay for this purchase as follows:

\$139,000 from the unreserved surplus funds in the Capital Reserve Fund

\$161,000 from the unreserved surplus funds in the General Fund

\$100,000 borrow from a local bank for a term of five years.

*Annual cost to repay this loan, principal plus interest will be approximately \$22,000.00 per year for five years.*

- ARTICLE XIV:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock vote to authorize the Select Board to sell to the Village of Woodstock a 25% interest in this property located at 25 South Street (formerly A & B Motors) for the sum of \$100,000.  
*If the voters approve the purchase of the A & B Motors property, and the voters of both the Town and of the Village vote to enter into a joint venture, it will not be necessary to borrow any money for this purchase.*
- ARTICLE XV:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock authorize the Select Board to appropriate \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to be used in conjunction with privately raised funds for the replacement of the large pool at the Woodstock Recreation Center.
- ARTICLE XVI:** Shall the town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- ARTICLE XVII:** Shall the town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for Pentangle Council on the Arts to help support the activities of Pentangle and the operation of the Town Hall Theatre. These funds are over and above the budgeted support that the Town provides to Pentangle for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- ARTICLE XVIII:** Shall the town appropriate from the Public Trust funds to the Woodstock Area Job Bank the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to match the amount to be raised from contributions. We hope the voters of Woodstock, Vermont will vote favorably on this request for funding from special town funds to enable the Job Bank to continue meeting the job needs of this community. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIX:** Shall the Town appropriate to the Martha Lussier Health Information & Referral Service, Inc. the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the greater amount of contributions from Town residents. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XX:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) from the Trustee of Public Funds and an additional Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$22,400) from the General Fund for a combined total of Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$24,900) to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH. (By petition) (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE XXI:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS) (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXII:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the continued operation of Windsor County Diversion Program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot.)

**ARTICLE XXIII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars (\$10,665) as the town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on aging to run the **Edwin J. Thompson Senior Center**. (By petition) (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE XXIV:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (1,500.00) to support programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership which includes the Spectrum Teen Center and the Shining Light Mentoring program. Our common objective is to keep our youth in the WCSU area drug-free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (By petition) (Australian Ballot).

**ARTICLE XXV:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the Woodstock Historical Society to help underwrite the expense of the Society's educational programming for the benefit of the Town's school children, adults, and senior citizens through lectures, tours, performances and special events. (By petition) (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE XXVI:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. (By petition) (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE XXVII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of \$500 (five hundred dollars) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE XXVIII:** To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

WOODSTOCK SELECT BOARD

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Preston Bristow

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John D. Doten, Jr.

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Bruce Gould

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Margaretta Howe

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Matthew Maxham

Jerome R. Morgan  
Town Clerk



