

TOWN OF POWNAL WARNING 2018

The inhabitants of the Town of Pownal, qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Pownal Elementary School in said Town on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the afternoon, and on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 for Australian Ballot voting at the Pownal Center Firehouse to vote for the following issues and candidates:

Moderator for 1 year
Town Clerk for 3 years
Treasurer for 3 years
Selectman for 3 years
Selectman for 1 year
Selectman for 1 year
Lister for 1 year
Lister for 2 years
Lister for 3 years
Auditor for 3 years
Constable for 2 years
Town Agent for 1 year
Grand Juror for 1 year
Grand Juror for 1 year
Trustee of Public Monies for 2 years
Trustee of Public Monies for 2 years

The floor meeting on March 5, 2018 will open at the Pownal Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. for Articles 1 through 2, and then stand adjourned until 7:00 A.M., at the Pownal Center Firehouse for Australian Ballot voting on Articles 3 through 28. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M., until 7:00 P.M., at the Pownal Center Firehouse.

Absentee Ballots are available! If you'll be out of town on Town Meeting Day, or are ill or disabled, apply at the Town Clerk's Office by Monday, March 5, 2018. You or a family member may apply in person, by phone, or in writing.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED MARCH 5, 2018:

- Article 1. To hear reports of Town Officials and take action thereon.
- Article 2. To see if the voters will authorize its Treasurer to receive taxes until they become delinquent.

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE VOTED MARCH 6, 2018:

- Article 3. The election of all Officers required by law.
- Article 4. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 989,295.00 for the General Expenses of the Town, of which \$620,008.79 is to be raised by taxes and \$ 130,136.21 from prior year undesignated surplus funds?

NOTE: The \$15,000 Police Equipment Fund monies to be returned to the tax payers as voted by ballot article last year, are included in the \$ 130,136.21 undesignated General surplus funds.

- Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 956,600.00 for the maintenance and construction of highways of the Town, of which \$ 812,258.57 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 16,391.43 from prior year undesignated surplus funds?

NOTE: At the end of fiscal year 2016-2017 in June, there was \$ 16,391.43 in Undesignated Road Funds. The Select Board has voted to use \$ 8,391.43 of that amount to reduce taxes. See Article 5.

In Article 26, the Select Board has requested the other \$ 8,000.00 to be used to fund the **Road Capital Project Fund**. If Article 26 passes, the \$ 8,000.00 will be used to fund the **Road Capital Project Fund**. If Article 26 fails, the \$ 8,000.00 dollars will be returned to Undesignated Funds.

- Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 11,000 toward the support of the **Bennington Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice**?
- Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 500 for the support of the **Bennington County Conservation District**?
- Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 500 towards the support of **Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse**, a not-for-profit agency?
- Article 9. Shall the Town of Pownal vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$ 2,000 for the support of the **Bennington Free Clinic**?
- Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 2,000 toward the support of **Bennington Project Independence**?
- Article 11. Shall the Town of Pownal vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,800 to support the programs and services of **BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont** for low-income persons?
- Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 600 for the support of services rendered to the Town by the **Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center**?
- Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 200 for the support of **Vermont Green-up**?
- Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 5,000 toward the support of the **Oak Hill Children's Center**?
- Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 60,000 toward the operation and maintenance of the **Pownal Fire Protective Association, Inc.**?
- Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 50,000 for the **Pownal Rescue Squad** toward ambulance replacement, insurance, operation and maintenance?

- Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the **Pownal Valley Fire Department**, consisting of the East Pownal Fire Company, Pownal Center Company, and the North Pownal Fire Company, the sum of \$ 52,000?
- Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 19,500 toward the **Pownal Valley Fire Department** Fire Truck and Equipment fund?
- Article 19. Shall the Town of Pownal vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$ 2,000 for the support of **Pownal Youth Baseball**?
- Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 500 for the support of services rendered to the Town by the **Project Against Violent Encounters**?
- Article 21. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 15,000 for the operation and maintenance of the **Solomon Wright Library**?
- Article 22. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 1,200 for the support of services rendered the Town by the **Southwestern Vermont Area Council on Aging**?
- Article 23. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 toward the support of **Sunrise Family Resource Center**, a not-for-profit agency?
- Article 24. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 2,500 toward the support of the program and service provided to the Town by **The Tutorial Center**?
- Article 25. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 440 for the support of disabled Vermonters by the **Vermont Center for Independent Living**?
- Article 26. Shall the voters of the Town of Pownal vote to establish a **Road Capital Project Fund** and allocate \$ 8,000 from Road undesignated surplus funds to this fund?
- Article 27. Shall the voters of the Town of Pownal vote to appropriate the amount of \$ 20,000 for **Fire Department Repeater System** which will enhance response time?
- Article 28. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?

Dated at Pownal, Vermont on this 1st day of February, 2018
Pownal Board of Selectmen:

<u>Nelson Brownell, Chairman</u>	LS
<u>Jason Olansky, Vice Chairman</u>	LS
<u>Suzanne Caraman</u>	LS
<u>Ronald Bisson</u>	LS
<u>Bruce Martel</u>	LS