

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paying the following roads: Route 35, Green Mountain Turnpike, Coach Road, First Avenue and Sylvan Lane. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the office of Town Grand Juror. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 4:** *To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Budget Committee effective January 1, 2020. (Australian Ballot)*
- ARTICLE 5:** *To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: .*
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed 25% of the amount raised in taxes to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay nonrecurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804(a)?
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,087,586.86 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 16, 2019, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$508,414.38 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$46,600.00 for the Excavator lease for the highway department; \$40,000 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Highway Department; \$8,000 for the purchase of new signs for the village; \$45,000 to be used for the purchase of air paks and turnout gear for the Fire Department; \$13,800 for the purchase of a new computer server for the Police

Department; \$4,157.00 to be used for maintenance of operating facilities and \$225,857.38 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.

- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange #327.
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) 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 & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 14:** *Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.*
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield, that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of

Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to 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 of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 21:** *To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.*
- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) to Neighborhood Connections to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition)
- ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 24:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2018.
- ARTICLE 25:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 18th day of January, 2019.

_____ /s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman

_____ s/ Heather Chase

_____ /s/ Dan Cote

_____ /s/ Ben Whalen

_____ /s/ Lee Gustafson