

## WARNING

### TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD

MONDAY ~ MARCH 2, 2020 ~ 7:00 PM

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the **Rochester School Auditorium** in said town on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

**Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.**

**Article 2. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:**

1. Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term (Tom Schnabel) (*paper ballot*)
2. Town Clerk ~ 1-year term (Julie Smith)
3. Town Treasurer ~ 1-year term (Julie Smith)
4. Lister ~ 3-year term (Louis Donnet) (*paper ballot*)
5. Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ 1-year term (Rebecca Klein)
6. Library Trustee ~ 5-year term (Anthony Goupee)
7. Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3-year term (Michael Harvey)
8. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term (Marvin Harvey)
9. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 4 year term (vacant)
10. Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits ~ 1-year term (Bill Matthews)
11. Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ 1-year term (Pat Harvey)

**Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.**

**Article 4. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.**

**Article 5. Shall the voters agree to pay all taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (FY21) to the Town Treasurer as provided by law?**

**Article 6. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Friday, August 14, 2020, Monday, November 16, 2020, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and Monday, May 17, 2021, by delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates. Postmarks are not considered timely payment.**

**Article 7. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$ 1,088,700.00 of which \$ 780,550.00 shall be raised by taxes.**

**Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 45,625.00 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library.**

**Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate \$ 68,340.00 to provide ambulance service from White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA).

**Article 10.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$ 20,400.00 (\$1,700 per month) to continue funding the “Fast Trash” and Recycling program (receipt of recyclables and trash with residents paying for trash per bag) from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Article 11.** Shall the voters vote to eliminate the Cruiser Reserve Fund and transfer the remaining balance (\$2,794.31, plus any additional interest) to the General Fund for the purpose of offsetting the Windsor County Sheriff’s contract?

**Article 12.** Shall the voters vote to exempt Pierce Hall Community Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, from property taxes for a five-year period, (2020 – 2025, FY21 – FY25).

**Article 13.** To see if the voters will vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by the below listed community agencies:

Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Quintown Senior Center	9,849.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	250.00
SafeLine, Inc.	250.00
Stagecoach	1,300.00
Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant	100.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
WomenSafe	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,840.00</b>

**Article 14.** Shall the Town of Rochester adopt the below Climate Emergency Declaration to inform and guide town decision-making?

**WHEREAS, global climate is changing at an unprecedented rate due to human activities, driving mass extinction of species and threatening human communities worldwide;**

**WHEREAS, the United Nations Panel on Climate Change reported in 2018 that we need a drastic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 to avoid catastrophic global warning;**

**WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Rochester have suffered significant losses due to increasingly frequent extreme weather events and that action is required to promote greater resilience;**

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Town of Rochester declares that a climate emergency threatens our town, state, region, and entire natural world, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Rochester will make climate change an integral focus for town planning, policy, and decision-making and will work towards a more renewable economy for a more resilient community.**

**Article 15. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.**

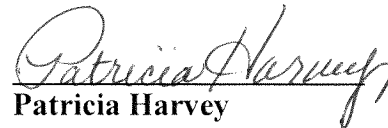
**Adjournment:**

Dated at Rochester, Vermont this 30 day of January, 2020

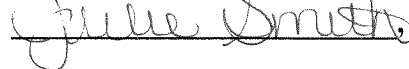
**ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD**

  
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Thomas Schnabel

  
Patricia Harvey

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Attest:  Julie Smith, Rochester Town Clerk