

## **WARNING**

### **TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT**

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ANNUAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 29 & MARCH 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Ludlow, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium in Ludlow, Vermont on Monday evening, the twenty-ninth day of February, at seven o'clock PM, (7:00 PM), for a Public Information Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting, and on Tuesday, the first day of March, 2016, between the hours of ten o'clock AM, (10:00 AM) in the forenoon and seven o'clock, PM, (7:00 PM) in the afternoon to act on the following:

The legal voters of the Town of Ludlow are further notified that voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to said Town Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. You must be registered to vote in the Town of Ludlow in order to vote at Town Meeting.

#### ***TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016: Australian Ballot - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM***

- ARTICLE 1. To elect Town Officers for the coming year.
- ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the collection not to exceed \$25,000 to create a Bike Path Fund to cover the local share needed for the construction of a bike/pedestrian path connecting the Village of Ludlow to the activities located to the north at the Jackson Gore Recreational Area, the Green Mountain Turnpike and Buttermilk Falls? The purpose of the Bike path is to provide a recreational passageway and safe route for bicyclists, pedestrians and outdoor enthusiasts to travel to and from the Village of Ludlow to recreational facilities north of the Village.
- ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the collection of \$15,000 to assist in the winterization and UV protection of all the windows at the Black River Academy Museum? This will help preserve the building and artifacts and help lower the heat costs of the building. The total cost for this project is \$66,313.00.
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow renew the exempt status of the property located at 22 Buttermilk Falls Road owned by the Ludlow Masonic Building Association from Property Taxes for a period of (5) five years commencing with the 2016 tax year?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the collection of a 1% Local Option Tax on sales, rooms, meals, and alcohol pursuant to **24 VSA § 138**, the proceeds of which shall be used as follows:

(changed from section 135)  
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- A. Fifty percent (50%) of projected revenue will be used as general fund to reduce the municipal property tax rate.
- B. Residual balances will be directed to an infrastructure reserve fund pursuant to 24 VSA § 2804 (a) for future projects recommended by the legislative body and approved by the voters at a regular or special meeting.

***MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016: Public Information Meeting & Annual Meeting  
7:00 PM***

- ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow act on Town Officers' reports for the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015?
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow fix the salaries of the Select Board, Cemetery Commissioners, and Trustees of Public Funds for the ensuing year?
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Ludlow collect taxes on Real Property in installments, taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer on August 15, 2016, November 15, 2016, February 15, 2017, and May 15, 2017?
- ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay the necessary expenses of the Town and Town School District and any part of its indebtedness?
- ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow vote a specific amount in lieu of a rate on a dollar on the Grand List as set forth in the Select Board's budget and the Windsor County budget? Then the Select Board shall set the tax rate necessary to raise this amount after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the office of the Town Clerk. **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$3,658,708.75.**
- ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow vote a specific amount in lieu of a rate on a dollar on the Grand List as set forth in the Cemetery Commission budget? Then the Select Board shall set the tax rate necessary to raise this amount after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the office of the Town Clerk. **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$82,654.00.**
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Highway Equipment Fund for highway purposes? **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$30,000.**
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Fire Equipment Fund? **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$20,000.**
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Police Equipment Fund? **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$5,000.**

ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Municipal Transit Bus Fund? **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$30,000.**

ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Recreation Facilities Fund for recreation purposes? **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$15,000.**

ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Capital Fund for repairs and restoration at the Ludlow Community Center? **The amount to be raised by taxes will be \$5,000.**

ARTICLE 18. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow authorize the Select Board to maintain a Capital Fund for repairs and restoration at the Black River Senior Center? **The amount to be raised by taxers will be \$2,500?**

ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow appropriate the sum of **\$7,250.00 to the Connecticut River Transit, Inc. and Marble Valley Regional Transit Company of Rutland** to support the public transit bus service to Ludlow, from Bellows Falls and from Rutland?

ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters of the Town of Ludlow appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00 to the Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium** to promote special events for the community?

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business necessary and proper when met.

**Dated at Ludlow, Vermont this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2016.**

**TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT  
SELECT BOARD**

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Howard Barton, Jr. Chair

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John Neal

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Bruce Schmidt

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Brett Sanderson

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Logan Nicoll