

**TOWN OF SWANTON & TOWN OF SWANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

The legal voters of the Town of Swanton, and the Town of Swanton School District, who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Swanton Village Municipal Complex, First and Elm Streets, Swanton on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. to vote on the articles herein set forth. All articles are to be voted by the Australian Ballot system. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

**Article 1:** To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following officers:

Moderator, Town and Town School District  
One Town Clerk for a 3 year term  
One Treasurer for a 3 year term  
One Selectman for a 3 year term  
One Selectman for a 2 year term  
One Lister for a 3 year term  
One Lister for a 1 year term  
One Auditor for a 3 year term  
One School Director for a 3 year term  
One School Director for a 2 year term  
One Trustee of Public Money for a 3 year term  
One Trustee of Public Money for a 1 year unexpired term  
One Library Trustee for a 5 year term  
One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5 year term  
Town Grand Juror  
Town Agent  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**Article 2:** Will the Town appropriate \$837,796.87 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Highway Department?

**Article 3:** Will the Town appropriate \$151,109.00 for fire protection, \$58,470.00 of which is for a fire truck replacement fund?

**Article 4:** Will the Town appropriate \$108,076.37 to provide police protection to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

**Article 5:** Will the voters of the Swanton School District approve the School Directors to expend \$8,479,668.00 which is the amount the School Directors have determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,453.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.9% higher than spending for the current year.

**Article 6:** Will the voters of the Swanton School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

**Article 7:** Will the voters of the Swanton School District authorize the School Directors to reallocate the remaining Feasibility Capital Reserve Funds of approximately \$21,897.00 for the purpose of addressing playground equipment and grounds safety and improvement as outlined in the 2016 safety audit?

**Article 8:** Will the Town appropriate \$464,390.19 for the Town General expenses?

- Article 9:** Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, by its actual receipt of payment (postmarks will not be accepted) at the Town Offices by 5 p.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup>, or if the 15<sup>th</sup> shall fall on a weekend or holiday, the following business day by 5 p.m., with an eight percent (8%) penalty and one percent (1%) interest per month (or portion thereof) due thereon for the first three months, and one and one half percent (1.5%) per month (or portion thereof) thereafter, to be charged for late payment of any installment?
- Article 10:** Will the Town appropriate \$249,000.00 to provide rescue services to the residents of the Town of Swanton?
- Article 11:** Will the Town appropriate \$93,922.50 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Recreation Department?
- Article 12:** Will the Town appropriate \$141,007.00 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Swanton Public Library?
- Article 13:** Will the Town appropriate an additional \$16,000.00 per year for salary and benefits in support of making the part time Children's Librarian into a full time Children's Librarian at the Swanton Public Library?
- Article 14:** Will the Town appropriate an additional \$3,634.00 per year in support of Franklin County Home Health Agency to increase the annual allocation to \$13,497.00?
- Article 15:** Will the Town appropriate \$500.00 in support of Vermont Center of Independent Living?

The legal voters of the Town of Swanton are further notified that an Informational Meeting will be held at the Swanton Village Municipal Complex on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of explaining all budget items to the voters.

Dated at Swanton, Vermont, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

  
Joel A. Clark, Chair

  
L. John Lavoie, V. Chair

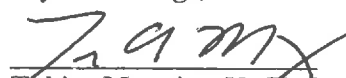
  
Daniel Billado

  
James Guilmette

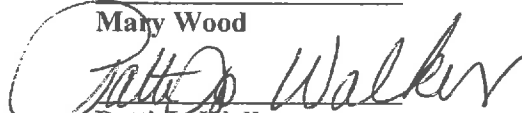
  
Jeffery Raleigh

SELECTMEN

  
Jay Cummings, Chair

  
Tobias Maguire, V. Chair

Mary Wood

  
Patti Jo Walker

  
John Creelman

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Dated and filed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

  
Attest: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Clerk