

WARNINGS FOR 2017 PUTNEY TOWN AND PUTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Putney and the Town of Putney School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Putney Central School in Putney at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, to act upon the following Articles. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Putney Central School.

- Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting. (*voting by Australian ballot*)
- Article 2:** To choose all Town School District Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual School District Meeting. (*voting by Australian ballot*)
- Article 3:** To determine what salaries the Putney Town School District will pay its officers and directors.
- Article 4:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,303,760, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,339 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.8% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 5:** To see whether the voters will request of the WSESU Act 46 Study Committee:
- A full and thorough examination of the feasibility of alternatives to any plan involving the Putney Town School Board merging with the other towns of the WSESU into one unified School District with the consequent elimination of the Putney Town School Board, and possible closure of the Putney Town School in ensuing years.
 - A brief report outlining the pros and cons of a merger and alternatives to a merger, to be presented to voters at least a month before voters are asked to vote upon any proposed governance change.
- Article 6:** To transact any other school business that may legally come before the Annual School District Meeting.
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will accept the report of the last Town Meeting.
- Article 8:** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt Windham and Windsor Housing Trust (land owner) and Putney Cares (owner of buildings) from municipal and education taxation, on the land and improvements and appurtenances at Lot 07-04-18, 52 Kimball Hill, for a period of five years, beginning April 1, 2017, as authorized by 32 VSA, Section 3832 (7)
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt East Putney Community Club (Pierce's Hall) from municipal and educational taxation, on the land and all improvements and appurtenances at Lot 08-02-15, 121 East Putney Falls Road, for a period of five years, beginning April 1, 2017, as authorized by 32 VSA, Section 3832 (7)
- Article 11:** To elect the Trustees of the Putney Public Library for the three seats that will expire in March of 2017.
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2017-2018 Sewer Fund budget as outlined in the 2016 Town Report.
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for Dump Truck to be repaid over a period of not more than 5 years.
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,106 for Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies for economic development within the Windham County region.
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to establish a Roof Replacement Reserve Fund by transferring money from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$10,000.
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to establish a Sidewalk Reserve Fund by transferring money from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, \$1,197,226 to defray its expenses and liabilities for the Town General Fund, ensuing fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018).

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$878,898 to defray its expenses and liabilities for the Highway Fund, ensuing fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018).

Article 19: To transact any other town business that may legally come before the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated this 30th of January, 2017, at Putney, Windham County, Vermont

PUTNEY SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Alice Laughlin, Chair; Anne Beekman, Dylan Devlin, Richard Glejzer, Emily Pals

PUTNEY SELECTBOARD

Joshua Laughlin, Chair; Stephen Hed, R. Scott Henry