

**ANNUAL TOWN AND
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Brattleboro and the Town School District of Brattleboro, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the polling places designated for the three districts in said Brattleboro, on Tuesday, the first day of March, 2016, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all Town officers, Town School District members and Brattleboro Union High School District directors required by law to be elected at the annual meeting. Also to be elected under this Article are Town Meeting members from the following districts: District #1: 16 members for three-year terms, 1 member for a two-year term, and 4 members for one-year terms; District #2: 15 members for three-year terms, 1 members for a two-year term, and 1 member for a one-year term; District #3: 15 members for three-year terms, and 1 member for a two-year term. Voting on this Article is to be done by Australian ballot.

For the above purposes, the polls will open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. The polling place will be as follows:

Districts #1, #2 and #3 in the Selectboard meeting room at the Municipal Center, located at 230 Main Street.

**ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
March 19, 2016**

The legal voters qualified to vote in Representative Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the Brattleboro Area Middle School on Saturday, the nineteenth day of March, 2016, at 8:30am, to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To act on the Auditors' reports (Town and Town School District).

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town and Town School District will authorize its Selectboard and School Directors to employ a certified public accountant or public accountants.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will ratify, approve and confirm the Selectboard's appointment of a Town and Town School District Clerk for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will ratify, approve and confirm the Selectboard's appointment of a Town and Town School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will ratify, approve and confirm the Selectboard's appointment of a Town Attorney for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 6: To elect two representatives to the Capital Grant Review Board for a term of one year from March 21, 2016. (Two members will be nominated from the floor.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will elect or appoint members to the Town Finance Committee for a term of one year from March 21, 2016. Members to be nominated from the floor.

ARTICLE 8: To elect three Trustees for the Brooks Memorial Library to serve three years, and one Trustee to fill an unexpired term of two years. The names for consideration for three-year terms (2016-2019) are: Pamela Becker, Howard Burrows, and Jane Southworth. The person for consideration for the unexpired term (2016-2017) shall be nominated at Representative Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will approve an amendment to the Brattleboro Town Charter Addendum A, Acts of 1959, No. 302, Section 4a to change the deadline for incumbent Town Meeting members to submit their notice of intent to have their name placed on the ballot to no later than the sixth Monday prior to the election, as presented in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will approve an amendment to the Brattleboro Town Charter Article II, Section 3 to allow mechanical tabulation of ballots from citizens who use early voting, as presented in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, grants and other revenue.

ARTICLE 12: To see what salaries the Town will pay its officers.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,000 through special assessments on properties within the Downtown Improvement District (as approved by Town Meeting March 19, 2005, and as delineated in the Town Ordinance entitled "Municipal Act to Establish and Regulate the Downtown Improvement District") to be used for capital and operating costs of projects of the Town's duly designated downtown organization as reflected in its work plan and budget.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,276.48 through special assessments on property within the "Mountain Home Park Special Benefit Assessment Tax District" (as approved by Town Meeting, March 24, 2007, and as delineated in the Town Ordinance entitled "Municipal Act to Establish and Regulate the Mountain Home Park Special Benefit Assessment Tax District") for the purpose of paying debt service on the capital improvements to the water and sewer lines serving the Mountain Home and Deepwood Mobile Home Parks.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to assist in funding Brattleboro Climate Protection.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to support human service programs and facilities for the residents of Brattleboro to be allocated among service providers in the following manner: Aids Project of Southern Vermont - \$2,000; American Red Cross – NH and VT Region - \$5,000; Boys & Girls Club - \$15,200; Brattleboro Area Adult Day Care (Gathering Place) - \$2,000; Brattleboro Area Hospice - \$1,200; Brattleboro Senior Meals - \$7,000; Family Garden - \$2,500; Green Mountain RSVP - \$700; Groundworks Collaborative - \$20,000; KidsPLAYce - \$4,000; Meeting Waters-YMCA - \$5,000; Senior Solutions - \$2,800; Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) - \$12,000; Turning Point - \$7,000; Vermont Wilderness School - \$4,000; Vermont Center for Independent Living - \$1,600; Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH - \$7,500; Windham Child Care Association - \$5,500; Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center and Southeastern Unit for Special Investigations - \$1,500; Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Summer Food Program - \$6,000; Youth Services-Big Brothers/Big Sisters - \$7,500.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 from Program Income (a revolving loan fund that disperses proceeds which originated as Community Development Block Grants) as a contribution to the operation of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS).

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will appropriate \$449,225 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015, to fund the following: \$150,000 for the Bonnyvale Road Retaining Wall, \$165,000 for the repair and refurbishment of the swimming pool at Living Memorial Park, and \$134,225 to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2017.

ARTICLE 19: To see how much money the Town will raise, appropriate and expend to defray its expenses and liabilities.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will approve exemption of the municipal tax portion of real estate taxes for Brattleboro Post 5 Little League for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will approve exemption of the municipal tax portion of real estate taxes for Rescue, Inc., for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will approve exemption of the municipal tax portion of real estate taxes for Camp Waubonong, Inc., for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will approve exemption of the municipal tax portion of real estate taxes for Holton Home for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will approve exemption of the municipal tax portion of real estate taxes for Bradley House for a period of five years, and the education tax portion of real estate taxes for Bradley House for a period of two years.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will approve exemption of the municipal tax portion of real estate taxes for The Family Garden, Inc., for a period of five years, and the education tax portion of real estate taxes for The Family Garden, Inc., for a period of two years.

ARTICLE 26: To see what salaries the Town School District will pay its school board members.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town School District will authorize its Town School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

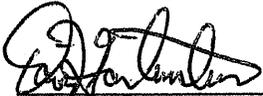
ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town School District will authorize the District to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.

ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$15,987,622, 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 \$15,292 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.8% lower than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 30: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Dated at Brattleboro, Vermont this 25th day of January, 2016.

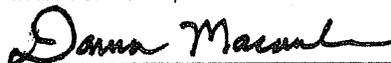
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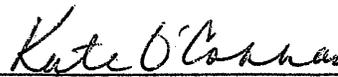
David Gartenstein, Chair



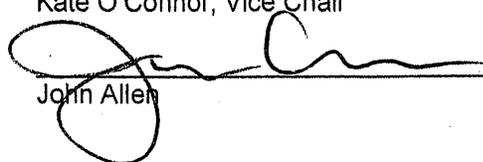
David Schoales, Clerk



Donna Macomber



Kate O'Connor, Vice Chair



John Allen

Dated at Brattleboro, Vermont this 27th day of January, 2016.

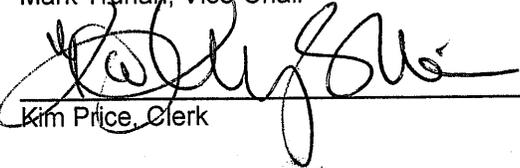
BRATTLEBORO TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Jill Stahl Tyler, Chair



Mark Truhan, Vice-Chair



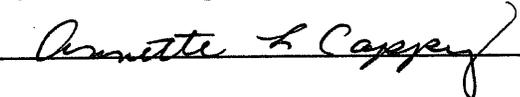
Kim Price, Clerk

Todd Roach

David Schoales

Brattleboro, Vermont
January 28, 2016

Town Clerk's Office, Brattleboro, Vermont, January 28, 2016, at 4:15 pm, received and recorded the foregoing Warning in Volume 20, of Town Records, at Page 386.

Attest: _____, Annette L. Cappy, Town Clerk