

**BRATTLEBORO REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
PRE-MEETING INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

March 11, 2020

Selectboard Chair Brandie Starr at 7:06 P.M., on March 11, 2020, convened a meeting of Town Meeting Members at the Academy School on Western Avenue. The purpose of the meeting was to inform and answer questions for the upcoming Annual Representative Town Meeting scheduled for March 21. Present to answer questions were Selectboard members: Brandie Starr, Tim Wessel, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Daniel Quipp, and David Schoales. Also present: Town Manager Peter Elwell and Town Attorney Bob Fisher, as well as department heads, town meeting members and members of the public.

Brandie Starr announced that interpreters were present, but would not be seen during the live BCTV stream. They would be added to the video when the stream is posted later. She also clarified that the purpose of this meeting is to provide information for Representative Town Meeting, and that this is not the time for debate or advocacy. Those points should be saved for Representative Town Meeting.

Peter Elwell provided an update on Covid-19, including Pre-Incident actions that the Town is taking, and recommendations for individuals from the VT Department of Health.

Brandie Starr and Peter Elwell addressed the primary articles to be voted on. They explained the proposed budget and other articles of concern. The Selectboard and town administration heard comments from the audience as well as answered questions.

Everyone was reminded that Representative Town Meeting will be held at the Brattleboro Area Middle School Multi-Purpose Room on Saturday, March 21, starting at 8:30 A.M.

At 9:03 P.M., there being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Hilary Francis
Town Clerk