

**WARNING
MARCH 6, 2012**

The legal voters of the Town of Benson in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont are hereby duly warned and notified that an informational meeting regarding the 2012-2013 budget and articles in the warning will be held at the Community Hall in said Town of Benson on March 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the Benson School District Informational Meeting.

**WARNING
FOR THE 226th BENSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Benson in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Community Hall in said Town on the first Tuesday in March, being the 6th of March, 2012, at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

- Article 1: To elect all Town Officers and fill vacancies except those required by law to be appointed by the Selectboard. (Note: The vote under Article 1 will be by Australian ballot. Polls will open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.)
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officials.
- Article 3: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$17,339 to cover the deficit of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year?
- Article 4: Shall the Town of Benson vote to approve the expenditure of \$314,257 for the Selectboard Budget of which \$215,957 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 5: Shall the Town of Benson vote to approve the expenditure of \$449,620 for the layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways of which \$335,620 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 6: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$3,000 for the Benson First Response for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to help defray the cost of major expenses?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,560 as its share of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Fair Haven Rescue Squad operating budget?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the maintenance, care and increase of books for the Town Library?
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the expenditure of up to \$6,000 to replace the flooring in the Town Library?
- Article 10: If Article 9 is voted in the affirmative, shall the Town of Benson vote to apply the remaining \$3400 of the 2011-2012 Community Hall painting appropriation to the replacement of the floor in the Town Library (leaving \$2600 to be raised by taxes).
- Article 11: Shall the Town of Benson vote to use the proceeds (\$1,122) of the sale of the 1979 Chevrolet Pumper Fire Truck to start a Reserve Equipment Fund for the Fire Department?
- Article 12: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries?

- Article 13: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,500 for the Benson Youth League for the support of their program?
- Article 14: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund?
- Article 15: Shall the Town of Benson vote to use the remaining funds of the Certificate of Deposit for Bridge #17 (\$2,392.97) to replenish the Grant Match Fund?
- Article 16: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate, for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the sum of \$1,000 to support Fair Haven Concerned, Inc., a program which organizes and coordinates services necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the Town of Benson?
- Article 17: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$730 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services (formerly) Rutland Area Community Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article 18: Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice in fiscal year 2012 (\$250.00 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$1,150.00 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)?
- Article 19: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to residents of the Town?
- Article 20: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc.) in 2012-2013?
- Article 21: Shall the Town of Benson vote to approve the following resolution:
We, the voters of the town of Benson, Vermont, resolve to declare the right of our community to produce, process, sell, and purchase local foods. We believe that our Citizens are able to make informed decisions about their food choices free of federal and State regulations that impede local food production and usurp a citizen's right to make free decisions about the food they wish to eat.
- Article 22: To transact any other business proper to be done at the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at Benson, Vermont this 30th day of January, 2012.

_____ Lynn Bowen

_____ Daniel Britton

_____ Guy Charlton

_____ Regina Cull

_____ Sue Janssen