

**WARNING
MARCH 1, 2011**

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 2011-2012 budget and articles in the warning will be held at the Community Hall in said Town of Benson on February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the Benson School District Informational Meeting.

**WARNING
FOR THE 225th 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 1st of March, 2011, at 10 a.m. to transact the following business, vis:

- 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 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 4: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice in fiscal year 2011 (\$250.00 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$1,150.00 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)?
- Article 5: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$900 requested by the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to help support the Senior Meals Program Meals on Wheels and other services provided by the agency to elder residents of Benson?
- Article 6: 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 in 2011-2012?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate, for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 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 8: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$3,000 for the Benson First Response for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 to help defray the cost of major expenses?
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,390 as its share of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Fair Haven Rescue Squad operating budget?
- Article 10: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,800 for the maintenance, care and increase of books for the Town library?

- Article 11: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries?
- Article 12: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,500 for the Benson Youth League for the support of their program?
- Article 13: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the Town of Benson increase the property tax exemption for qualifying disabled veterans from \$20,000 to \$40,000 of assessed value pursuant to 32 V.S.A §3802(11)?
- Article 15: Shall the Town of Benson vote to prohibit the First Constable from exercising law enforcement authority without having completed a course of training under 20 V.S.A. Chapter 51, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §1936a(a)(2)?
- Article 16: Shall the Town of Benson vote to replenish the Grant Match Fund in the amount of \$10,000?
- Article 17: Shall the Town of Benson vote to approve the expenditure of up to \$50,000 to side the Community Hall?
- Article 18: Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$316,959 for the Selectboard Budget of which \$216,583 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 19: Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$455,228 for the layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways of which \$338,572 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 20: Shall the Town of Benson vote to taxes on real property in two installments: the first to be paid to the Treasurer on or before September 15, 2011 and the final payment to be paid to the Treasurer on or before on March 15, 2012?
- Article 21: Shall the Town of Benson vote delinquent taxes and delinquent sewer rents to have an 8% penalty charged against them and a 1% interest per month for the first three (3) months and 1½% interest per month thereafter added from the due date?
- Article 22: To transact any other business proper to be done at the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at Benson, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2011.

_____ Lynn Bowen

_____ Daniel Britton

_____ Guy Charlton

_____ Regina Cull

_____ Sue Janssen

