The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be a Google Meets, on-line meeting. The link for the meeting will be made available. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

Visit the Westfield municipal website at www.westfield.vt.gov for login credentials closer to the Informational Meeting dates or call the Town Clerk's Office for assistance • 802-744-2484.

The Town of Westfield will hold an online Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom (computer or phone-in options available). This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

WARNING

TOWN OF WESTFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

MARCH 1, 2022

All voting will be by Australian ballot, due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

Polls Open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd. (at School St.)

Absentee ballots are available through 4 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022, by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 802-744-2484 or email townofwestfield@comcast.net.

Early voting is available at the Westfield Town Clerk's Office, Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. (polls open) until 7 p.m. (polls close) to transact the following business by Australian ballot: (NO in-person Town & School Annual Meeting in 2022 due to Covid-19)

WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - voting all Articles by Australian ballot for 2022:

Article 1. To elect a Westfield School District Moderator for a term of one-year.

Article 2. To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three-years.

Article 3. To elect a Union School Board Director to fill the remaining two-years of a three-year unexpired term.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of $1,866,750 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of $606,712? **(to be commingled with Jay)**

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend $619,330 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 $15,991 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.64% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6. To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2022-23. **(to be commingled with Jay)**

Article 7. To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2022-2023.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend $18,442,500, 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 $17,752 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.54% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place $381,000 of undesignated FY2021 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? These funds are intended to offset future capital improvements to the facility.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place $30,000 of undesignated FY2021 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Technology Reserve fund?

Article 11. Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend $5,698,400, 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 $18,715 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.84% higher than spending for the current year.

TOWN ANNUAL MEETING: Voting by Australian ballot in 2022; no in-person Town Meeting:

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for a term of one year.

Article 2. To elect a 1st Constable for a term of one year.

Article 3. To elect a 2nd Constable for a term of one year.

Article 4. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year.

Article 5. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.

Article 6. To elect a Selectboard Member for a term of three years.

Article 7. To elect a Town Treasurer to fill the remaining two-years of a three-year unexpired term.

Article 8. Shall the town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in the State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. 2651b(a)?

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $250 to American Legion-Jay Peak Post #28?

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $500 to American Red Cross?

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $250 to Big Heavy World?

Article 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $100 to Felines & Friends Foundation?

Article 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $900 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School?

Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $50 to Green Up Vermont?

Article 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $500 to Jay Area Food Shelf?

Article 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $200 to Jay Focus Group?

Article 17. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $300 to Missisquoi River Basin Assoc.?

Article 18. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $34,294 to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.?

Article 19. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $4,000 to Montgomery Fire Dept.?

Article 20. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $300 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?

Article 21. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $1,072 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)?

Article 22. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $200 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)?

Article 23. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $700 to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society)?

Article 24. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $500 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)?

Article 25. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $500 to Orleans County Fair Assoc.?

Article 26. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $14,822.40 to Orleans County Sheriff's Department?

Article 27. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $2,500 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.?

Article 28. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.?

Article 29. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $600 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)?

Article 30. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $1,000 to the Troy and Area Lions Club (Senior Mealsite)?

Article 31. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $28,974.77 to Troy Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.?

Article 32. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $400 to Umbrella?

Article 33. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $95 to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)?

Article 34. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $250 to Vermont Family Network?

Article 35. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate $100 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (RFP) - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Districts (VACD)?

Article 36. Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate the sum of $100 as an appropriation to the SymphonyKids programs of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra?

Article 37. Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of $302,721.75, of which $149,605.39 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and $153,116.36 shall be raised by municipal taxes? The proposed 2022 budget is up 9.89% from the proposed budget of 2021. Note: Appropriations are not included in the above general government fund expenditures. Voter approved appropriations will be added as presented in the Selectboards budget in the Town Report.

Article 38. Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of $475,233, of which $83,020 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and $392,213 shall be raised by municipal taxes? The proposed 2022 budget is up 5.32% from the proposed budget of 2021.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 27th day of January 2022.

Selectboard Members:

Jacques Couture, Chair

Anne Lazor, Vice Chair

Richard Degre

Westfield School Board Members:

Kevin Amyot, Chair

Nicole Dunn

Justin Leyva

Received for Recording:
January 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Westfield Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Office, Westfield, Vermont 05874
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