

**STATE OF VERMONT
Bennington County, SS:
TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY**

Shaftsbury residents, qualified to vote at the Annual Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Shaftsbury Elementary School **Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:30 PM** to transact the business specified below. Upon completion of such business, the Meeting will stand adjourned until **Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM** when voting by Australian ballot will commence at the Buck Hill Road Fire House for the election of town officers and consideration of ballot articles.

Shaftsbury residents may submit an application to the Town Clerk to have their names added to the voter checklist no later than **5:00 PM Wednesday, February 24, 2010** to be eligible to vote on **Monday, March 1, 2010** during the Floor Meeting and/or **Tuesday, March 2, 2010** at the polls. Any voter unable to come to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk until **5:00 PM Monday, March 1, 2010**.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010
AT 7:30 PM in the SHAFTSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 150 BUCK HILL ROAD.**

1. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take action thereon.
2. To Determine:
 - A. Shall Selectboard members each receive an annual stipend in the amount of **\$500**?
 - B. Shall the Town Treasurer receive an annual stipend in the amount of **\$16,000**?
 - C. Shall the Town Clerk receive an annual stipend in the amount of **\$8,000**?
 - D. Shall each Auditor receive wages at an hourly rate of **\$10.00**?
 - E. What compensation, if any, shall be paid to all other Town Officers?
 - F. Shall the voters establish a Culvert Reserve Fund for the purposes of financing the repair or replacement of culverts, directly or as the Town's grant match?
 - G. Shall the voters establish a Fund Balance Reserve Fund, in an amount never to exceed 5% of the general and highway fund budget, to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls or to pay non-recurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses?
3. To Determine:
 - A. Will the Town vote to have taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?
 - B. Will the Town vote to set the date for payment of taxes as **Tuesday November 9, 2010 at 5:00 PM**?
 - C. What penalty, if any, (other than the 8% penalty set by the State of Vermont) shall be levied for the late payment of Town taxes?
 - D. Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money from time to time, as needed, in anticipation of taxes?

4. Shall the Town of Shaftsbury adopt the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2011?
5. Shall the voters of Shaftsbury urge the Selectboard to closely examine their use of executive sessions and the Vermont Open Meeting Law, limiting the use of executive sessions to when absolutely necessary to protect the Town's interests, and to clearly state reasons for the session and take a vote of the board prior to entering a closed session?
6. To transact any other business found proper when met.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
FIRE STATION - 166 BUCK HILL ROAD**

To Determine:

7. Shall the Town appropriate **\$5,000** to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town appropriate **\$10,000** to the Cole Hall Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town appropriate **\$200** to the Economic Development Reserve Fund?
10. Shall the Town appropriate **\$4,000** to the Fire Warden Truck Reserve Fund?
11. Shall the Town appropriate **\$7,500** to the Garage Reserve Fund?
12. Shall the Town appropriate **\$10,000** to the Grader Reserve Fund?
13. Shall the Town appropriate **\$15,000** to the Paving Reserve Fund?
14. Shall the Town appropriate **\$10,000** to the Sidewalk Reserve Fund?
15. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Cemetery Reserve Fund?
16. Shall the Town appropriate **\$3,500** to the Culvert Reserve Fund?
17. Shall the Town retain **\$10,000 of the \$13,712 FY09** general fund balance (surplus) in the Fund Balance Reserve fund?

To Determine:

18. Shall the Town appropriate **\$ 6,500** to the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc.?
19. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,850** to Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
20. Shall the Town appropriate **\$750** to the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.?
21. Shall the Town appropriate **\$500** to the Bennington County Conservation District?
22. Shall the Town appropriate **\$12,250** to the Bennington Free Library?
23. Shall the Town appropriate **\$4,560** to the Bennington Project Independence, Inc.?
24. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,897** to the Bennington Rescue Squad?
25. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,700** to the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council?
26. Shall the Town appropriate **\$600** to the Center for Restorative Justice?
27. Shall the Town appropriate **\$100** to the George D. Aiken RC&D Council, Inc.?
28. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Grandview Cemetery Association?
29. Shall the Town appropriate **\$200** to Green-Up Vermont?
30. Shall the Town appropriate **\$6,000** to the John G. McCullough Free Library?
31. Shall the Town appropriate **\$500** to the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
32. Shall the Town appropriate **\$600** to the Norshaft Youth Baseball?

33. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Paran Recreations, Inc.?
34. Shall the Town appropriate **\$450** to the Project Against Violent Encounters?
35. Shall the Town appropriate **\$950** to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?
36. Shall the Town appropriate **\$350** to the Shaftsbury Garden Club?
37. Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,500** to the Shaftsbury Historical Society, Inc.?
38. Shall the Town appropriate **\$600** to the Sunrise Family Resource Center?
39. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,100** to the SW Vermont Council on Aging?
40. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the Taconic Community Grange?
41. Shall the Town appropriate **\$800** to the Tutorial Center?
42. Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,000** to the Veterans Memorial (Hooke)?
43. Shall the Town appropriate **\$5,225** to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of SWVT?
44. Shall the Town appropriate **\$300** to the VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
45. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** to the VT Center for Independent Living?

DATED at Shaftsbury, Vermont this **26th** day of **January 2010**.

TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD

Lon McClintock, Chair Bill Pennebaker, Vice-Chair Karen Mellinger, Member
Cinda Morse, Member Craig Bruder, Member