

WARNING

City of Newport, Vermont

104th Annual Meeting

March 1, 2022

The legal voters of the City of Newport, in the County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Municipal Building in said City of Newport on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 8:00 am to act on the following business:

ARTICLE 1

To elect by Australian Ballot in accordance with provisions of the Charter of the City of Newport, Vermont as amended, and Title 17 VSA, Chapter 55, Sec. 2630, following officers.

Two Council Members for two years ensuing, a City Clerk for three years ensuing, a City Treasurer for three years ensuing, one Trustee to North Country Union School District #22 for three years ensuing, two Trustees to Newport City School District for three years ensuing, a Moderator for Newport City School District for one year ensuing, a Constable for one year ensuing, and three Grand Jurors for three years ensuing.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the City compensate the Mayor and Council Members serving the City of Newport for the ensuing year as follows: for the Mayor, two thousand dollars (\$2,000), for the council member serving as Council President, one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), for the remaining Council Members, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)?

ARTICLE 3

Shall the voters of the City of Newport approve a budget of four million two hundred thirty six thousand nine hundred seventy three dollars and eighty five cents (\$4,236,973.85) for the general operation and to cover liabilities of the City, including amounts approved by the voters as appropriations or assessments, and authorize the City to assess a tax, in addition to amounts the City Council is by law authorized to assess, sufficient to provide funds for the same?

ARTICLE 4

Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School Board to expend seven million seventy-three thousand forty-five dollars (\$7,073,045) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing year, and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

(It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,967 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 12.35% higher than spending for the current year)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the general obligation bonds or notes of the City of Newport, Vermont, in an amount not to exceed eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) be issued for the purpose of financing the acquisition of a new fire truck with appurtenances thereto, for use by the Newport City Fire Department, under such terms and conditions as may be determined by the City Council to be appropriate?

ARTICLE 6

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) to help defray the operational expenses of the Goodrich Memorial Library and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 7

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aids, Homemaker and Personal Care Attendant, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the agency and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 8

Shall the city of Newport appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to Rural Community Transportation (RCT) for services provided to the residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 9

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy for building and supporting one-to-one long term independent relationships between unpaid community members and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included, and empowered and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 10

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to senior citizens during the ensuing year and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 11

Shall the city of Newport appropriate the sum of four thousand eight hundred eighteen dollars (\$4,818) to support Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. a non-profit 501-C3 organization, to assist in providing Psychiatric Mental Health Services to residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 12

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) to support Umbrella, Inc. in providing services to residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 13

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to, and finding homes for unwanted pets and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 14

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. to assist in providing services to residents of the City and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

ARTICLE 15

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House and its educational programs and direct the city to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

The preceding articles will be voted upon at the Newport Municipal Building using the Australian Ballot System. The polls will open at 8:00 AM in the forenoon and close at 7:00 PM in the afternoon.

The following article(s) will be voted upon at the same place beginning at 8:00 PM in the evening.

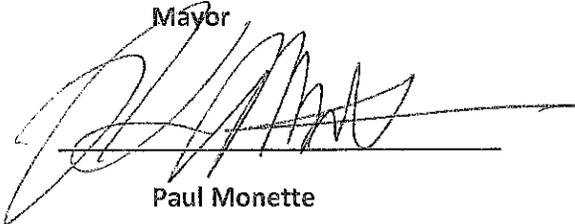
ARTICLE 16

To act on any other business that may legally come before the 104th Annual Meeting of the City of Newport, Vermont.

Dated and Posted at the City of Newport, in the County of Orleans, State of Vermont

This 24th Day of January 2022

Mayor

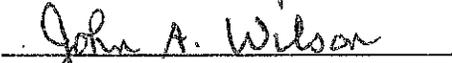


Paul Monette

City Council



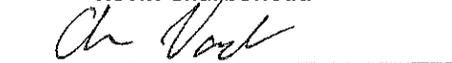
Melissa Pettersson



John A. Wilson

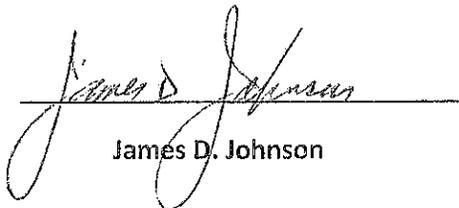


Kevin Charboneau



Christopher Vachon

City Clerk



James D. Johnson

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