

**WARNING**

**City of Newport, Vermont**

**106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**March 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the City of Newport, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Newport Municipal Building in said City of Newport on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. 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, the following officers: Two Council Members for two years ensuing, One Trustee to North Country Union High 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 Mayor, Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,250), for the Council Member serving as Council President, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the remaining Council Members, One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750)?

**Article 3**

Shall the City of Newport approve a budget of Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,995,594) for the general operation and to cover liabilities of the City of Newport, including amounts approved by the voters as appropriations or assessments, and authorize the City to assess a tax, in addition to amounts the City is by law authorized to assess, sufficient to provide funds for the same?

**Article 4**

Shall the voters of the Newport City School District approve the Newport City School Board to expend Eight Million Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$8,217,575) which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing year?

#### **Article 5**

Shall the City of Newport vote to grant property tax exemption of the Newport Masonic Temple Association. A non-profit organization located in Newport at 41 Masonic Lane for a period of three (3) years to support the charitable work of its member organizations, effective July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027?

#### **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 Attendants, 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 Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters for the ensuing year and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

#### **Article 10**

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 11**

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 12**

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. to provide 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 for, 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 Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational programs, and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

#### **Article 15**

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to ConnectABILITIES formally OCCA for the purpose of supporting programs and activities which seek to provide support, advocacy, and community connections for individuals with developmental disabilities in Orleans County and direct the city to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

#### **Article 16**

Shall the City of Newport appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to offer Food Shelf services to residents 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 a.m. in the forenoon and close at 7:00 p.m. in the afternoon.**

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

**Article 17**

To act on any other business that may legally come before the 106<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024**

**Mayor**

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Linda Joy Sullivan

**City Council**

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John Wilson

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Kevin Charboneau

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Christopher Vachon

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Clark Curtis

**City Clerk**

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James D. Johnson

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