

The inhabitants of the Town of Cambridge, who are legal voters in the Town School District meeting of said Cambridge, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Town School District meeting at the Cambridge Memorial Gymnasium, School Street in Jeffersonville, within said Town on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article:

Article 1: Shall the voters of Cambridge Town School District adopt a budget of \$5,669,090 necessary for the support of the Cambridge Town Elementary School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

The legal Voters of the Town of Cambridge are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Cambridge are further notified that an informational meeting will be held at the Cambridge Elementary School in Jeffersonville, on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock in the evening (p.m.) for the purpose of explaining the proposed 2014-2015 school budget.

Notice is hereby given that the ballot box for such budget vote of the Town School District shall open at seven (7) o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, and will close at seven (7) o'clock in the evening.

WARNINGS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE, VERMONT And The ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING Of The TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CAMBRIDGE, VERMONT MARCH 4, 2014

Met agreeably to warning dated January 27, 2014.

Meeting brought to order by Moderator Jerry Cole at 10:00 a.m.
Roger Allen and local Boy Scout Troop led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Art. 1 Australian ballot on Cambridge Elementary School – Yes – 220; No – 86.

Moved to disperse with the reading of the Warning.

Art. 2 To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting and Moderator of the Town School District Meeting, respectively.

Nomination for Moderator – Jerry Cole nominated – motion for clerk to cast one ballot for Jerry Cole – seconded, so voted.

Art. 3 To act upon the reports of the Auditors and other Town Officers.

Dana Sweet spoke – said \$71,000 in delinquent taxes had been collected since January 1st -- \$260,410.47 remaining.

Talked about note for Williamson Road - \$177,000 + It takes FEMA a while to pay.

Talked about the Brewster River project to make the flow of water better – State said it was a worthwhile project.

*Contaminated Soils loan – Reimbursement from State turned down. Howard Cary asked one of the members why and he said he thought the town should appeal; which we did and we may get \$90-95,000 back.

*On the overage money – Property tax refund from Cambridge Elementary and Lamoille Union. We don't know if we will get it every year. We are reimbursed on fuel by the school for buses - \$47,000+

*Logged off land fill and that money went toward contaminated soils.

Dana asked Steve Trala, Cambridge Rescue Chief, to speak.

Steve spoke on 24-7 coverage – In July we had seven members when he took over as chief. The membership has increased.

Hopefully they will have 25 members by summer. Statewide, and across the country, it is a problem getting members. He said that people certified is not cheap.

Howard Cary asked if it would help if the town paid for the courses – Steve said the town pays half – he thanks Rescue for what they do. What is the plan to cover the gaps? Mutual aid is helping with coverage. He said Essex is outside our mutual aid. There are new protocols. Deb Lizotte asked what hospital will the patient be taken to. Steve said Copley – If your preference is elsewhere, you will go to that hospital. Steve said we can go to one of three hospitals. Steve said there is new protocol for cardiac.

Art. 3 Adopted.

Art. 4 *To act in Town School District Meeting on the reports of the School Directors.*
Motion to accept report, seconded

Larry Wyckoff asked if they could talk about future enrollments. Kristy Wrigley said the State is decreasing in enrollments but Cambridge Elementary is increasing and will for the next two years; will have to increase faculty for next two years.

Tyler Machia asked why EEE is going up. Kristy said increasing because numbers are growing. Triple E is early education for three year olds and up – special education.

Art. 4 Adopted

Jan Sander thanked Kristy Wrigley for her work on the School Board and presented her with a plaque.

Art. 5 *Will the Town authorize the Auditors to have a printed Town Report?*
Motion to have a printed Town Report, seconded, and so voted.

Art. 6 *Will the Town vote to pay its officers for the year ensuing, and if so, how much?*
Howard Cary moved to accept as warned and moved to pay the same.

Art. 7 *Will the Town vote to adopt the provisions of Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Chapter 133, providing for the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer?*
Article was moved.

Art. 8 *Will the Town School District, in Town School District Meeting, vote to pay its officers for the year ensuing, and if so, how much?*

Motion to pay the same as in the past, seconded, so voted.

Art. 9 *To elect all Town Officers required by law for the year ensuing.*

1. *Select board Member for 3 years (by ballot):* David Vaughan was nominated and seconded, having no other nominations, motion to have clerk cast one ballot for David, so voted.

2. *Lister for 3 year (by ballot):* Muriel McCuin was nominated and seconded, having no other nominations, motion to have clerk cast one ballot for Muriel – so voted.

3. *Auditor for 3 years (by ballot):* Donna Hutchins was nominated and seconded, having no other nominations, motion to have clerk cast one ballot for Muriel – so voted

4. *First Constable:* David Jones was nominated and seconded, having no other nominations, motion to have clerk cast one ballot for David – so voted

5. *Collector of Delinquent Taxes --* Jane Porter was nominated and seconded, having no other nominations, motion to have clerk cast one ballot for Jane– so voted

6. *Grand Juror –* Mike Spaulding was nominated and seconded having no other nominations, motion to have clerk cast one ballot for Mike – so voted

7. *Library Trustee for 5 years (2):* April Tuck spoke explaining due to the resignation of one of the Trustees we needed to replace three. Mary Paulman was nominated for the five year position, Don Lange was nominated for the three-year position, and Gigi Beach was nominated for the one-year position – nominations were seconded and so voted.

8. *Trustee for Public Money:* Elise Raymond was nominated, seconded, and so voted.

9. *Agent to Convey Real Estate:* Terry McCuin was nominated, seconded, and so voted.

10. *Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits:* Alan Sheredy was nominated, seconded, and so voted.

11. *Cemetery Commissioner:* Kevin Whitcavitch was nominated, seconded, and so voted. Dana Sweet thanked Kevin for doing such a good job on the cemeteries; he appreciated what he has done.

Art. 10 *In Town School District Meeting to elect by ballot for the following Directors' terms: Cambridge School District School Director for two (2) years, Cambridge School District School Director for three (3) years, and Lamoille Union School District School Director for three (3) years.*

Bernie Juskiewicz nominated Heather Hobart for the two-year position, nomination seconded, and so voted.

Jan Sander was nominated for the three-year position, nomination seconded, so voted.

Sue Prescott was nominated for the three-year position for the Lamoille Union School Director, nomination seconded, and so voted.

Art. 11 *Pursuant to VSA Title 24, Chapter 2804, shall the voters of the Cambridge Town School District appropriate funds in the amount of \$75,000 to add to the already established TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND for the purpose of paying incurred expenses related to bus purchasing/leasing?*

Article 11 moved, seconded, and so voted.

Art. 12 *Shall the voters of the Cambridge Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District in anticipation of the collection of taxes?*

Article 12 moved, seconded, and so voted.

Art. 13 *Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to authorize the Select Board to renovate (paint, replace windows, repair roof, and purchase air exchangers) the Rescue Building for a sum not to exceed \$20,000?*

Hazel Carpenter asked why the rescue squad couldn't move into the fire station and sell the rescue building. Larry Wyckoff answered that they only had one-half a bay available – there was no room; the fire station building cannot be bigger. Larry said the work on the rescue building will help make the building more energy efficient. Larry said we have to take care of our infrastructure.

Ruthanne Rust asked if there had been discussion on having an activated response light on route 108 and 15. Larry said this had not been discussed.

Deb Lizotte asked if there was no thought given to having both in the new building. She asked if there were meeting rooms in the building.

Terry Holden asked about competition to bid. Terry McCuin said he has tried to contact several contractors in Cambridge for bids – only two had submitted bids. It isn't posted on Front Porch Forum – if anyone feels they have been left out, please see Terry McCuin. Call for the question – seconded so voted.

Back to the article – so voted.

Art. 14 *Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to expend the \$161,153.12 fund balance remaining December 31, 2013 in the following manner -- \$131,153.12 to the Capital fund for future purchases of Town equipment; \$30,000.00 for a new pickup truck.*

Article moved and seconded -- Tyler Machia asked about the truck. Dana Sweet said it is a pick-up truck to be used to check the roads – no plow on it.

Larry Wyckoff – justification – we have a capital plan, so we can buy a tandem truck, loader or grader, so we do not have a spike in taxes. Larry said it helps to keep a stable tax rate. David Jones said pick-up saves money, rather than use the big trucks – wondered why we don't have a plow on it. Dana Sweet said they have enough trucks. Bill Morey – road foreman – truck needed to go get parts – will not put mileage on his lease truck; needed to transport road signs, it will save the town money – a small car won't work.

Question was called – seconded, and so voted.

Art. 15 *Will the Town in Town Meeting vote \$5,000 for Cambridge Connections to support after school programming?*

Article moved, seconded, and so voted.

Art. 16 *Will the Town vote to expend from its funds a sum in addition to the amount required by law, to take advantage of benefits of the State Aid Laws and regulations of the Department of Highways relating to the maintenance fund and any and all other similar acts which may be available during the year by the State?*

Article moved, seconded, and so voted.

Art. 17 *Will the Town vote to raise money on its Grand List for the year 2014 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town, and if so, determine the amount thereof in dollars, the time and manner in which the same shall be payable?*

Dana Sweet made the motion \$2,092,930.48, seconded, so voted.

Howard Cary asked to have the rescue budget presented in the Town Report like the Fire Department. They will have it next year.

Terry Holden would like an Article that \$5,000 must be put out to bid and that the project be put in the newspaper.

Stearns Allen – doesn't want them to go with the lowest bid necessarily.

Terry McCuin looks after town buildings – he tries to get contractors in Cambridge – will put information on Front Porch Forum – no one has the job yet.

Pat Mayo asked about having the Town Meeting on Saturday – look into it.

Terry Holden concerned about the speed on Route 109. Would like the speed limit reduced from 50 – 35 mph. Where does she go? Dana Sweet said we will write a letter to the State and they will do a study and determine whether it will get approved. Terry asked about a pedestrian walk.

Dana Sweet presented a plaque to David Severance's mother for his many years of great service as the Emergency Management Director.

Jerry Cole asked if the people wanted to have the vitals and delinquent taxes printed in the Town Report. The majority said "yes".

Art. 18 To do any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting and said Town School District Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45, seconded and so voted.

Jane N. Porter
Town Clerk