

2018 WARNING TOWN OF CABOT 2018

The Legal Voters of the Town of Cabot are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Cabot School Gymnasium in the Town of Cabot, Vermont, on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at ten o'clock** in the forenoon [10:00 A.M.] to transact the following business from the floor: [The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. in the Cabot School Gymnasium]

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot hear the reports of the Town Officers?

Art. 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on August 23, 2018 and November 15, 2018 by delivery to Cabot Town Hall postmarked on or before that date; and,

Establish that overdue taxes will bear interest at a rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136; and,

Establish the amount of the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date for payment to 8 percent of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?

Art. 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot elect all Town Officers required by law, according to law?

The following Articles will be voted on by Australian Ballot and may be discussed on the floor except for Articles 5 and 6.

Art. 5. To elect a Selectperson for a term of two years. [Australian Ballot]

Art. 6. To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years. [Australian Ballot]

Art. 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot appropriate the sum of \$717,300 to defray the general expenses of the Town, with an estimated \$157,500 to come from income and \$559,800 from local taxes? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot appropriate the sum of \$796,500 to repair and maintain the highways of the Town including summer, winter and special treatment, of which an estimated \$154,600 is to come from income and \$641,900 from local taxes? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot, at no expense to taxpayers, approve of having a cedar log play structure for children aged 2-10, (approximate dimensions 28' x 41') situated in the corner lawn bordering the south side and back parking lot of the Willey Building? A safety fence will be included. The structure will offer natural, outdoor, imaginative play opportunities for children visiting the library? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot loan to the Cabot Community Association (CCA) the sum of \$60,000 from CCIF (formerly UDAG) funds in 2018 to be used towards the purchase of 3065 Main Street, to be re-paid over a period of 30 years, with a monthly payment of \$167? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot grant to the Cabot Community Association (CCA) the sum of \$10,000.00 from CCIF (formerly UDAG) funds in 2018 to support economic development efforts that enhance the community of Cabot, conditional on the CCA obtaining matching private donations of \$10,000.00? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot grant the sum of no more than \$200,000 from CCIF (formerly UDAG) funds to Cabot School for the purpose of replacing the roof of the Cabot School Gymnasium? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot grant to ADVANTAGE CABOT, the sum of \$25,000 from CCIF (formerly UDAG) funds, for the purpose of providing start up funds for this new non-profit corporation created to help provide long term financial satiability to Cabot School, provide an "enrichment" program (academic, cultural, and recreational) for all High School students, and operate a housing program offering a generous stipend to Cabot families who house out-of-state-students? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot approve the following amendment to the Town of Cabot Zoning Ordinance:

"Ramps, stairs, landing and vestibules (not including porches or decks) for both residential and commercial structures, required for accessibility (permanent or temporary) require a permit. For those existing residential and commercial structures which currently do not meet the setback requirements, a variance or conditional use application is not required for such accessibility structures as long as the following criteria is met:

- a. The structure does not extend beyond the existing front or side line of construction; or
- b. The structure does not reduce the setback by more than 50%; and
- c. The structure shall not be constructed in the right of way.

If the criteria cannot be met than the application would require a variance from the Development Review Board"? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519, at no expense to the Town of Cabot? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot approve the sum of \$1,000 to support the Cabot Conservation Committee? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 17. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot agree to change the way in which the Annual Town Report is distributed to the voters in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §1682(a), as follows: "commencing in February 2019, the voters will be notified by postcard of the availability of the Annual Town Report. Said notification will identify pick-up locations, such as Post Office and Town Clerk's Office, and the date of availability of the Annual Town Report (at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §1682(a)). Copies of the Annual Town Report will be available in book bound format or electronically, and a copy can be mailed upon request of a voter or resident of the Town"? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 18. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before said meeting.

Art. 19. To adjourn this meeting.

Dated this 22nd day of January A.D. 2018.

Edward (Ted) Domey, Chair, Michael J. Hogan, John C. (Jack) Daniels, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney
Board of Selectpersons

This Warning was recorded before posting, Attest: Betty Ritter, Cabot Town Clerk

REGISTER TO VOTE:

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to vote on the day of election. You can register to vote prior to copy by visiting the Cabot Town Clerk's Office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us. Registration will be available at the Town Clerk's office on any day prior to the election between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Registration will be available on Election Day during the hours the polls are open which is 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: The latest you can request ballots is the close of business in the Town Clerk's office on March 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The voter or family member may request an early or absentee ballot in person, in writing or by telephone. Other persons may request an Absentee Ballot for another registered Cabot voter (in person or in writing), and the Town Clerk's Office will mail that Absentee Ballot to the registered voter.

Following are the ways for early voting or absentee voting: (1) vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline; (2) a voter may take their ballots out of the Town Clerk's office for himself/herself and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail; (3) have a ballot mailed to you, and mail or return it to the Town Clerk's office before election day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on election day; or (4) if you are sick or disabled, request the Town Clerk, who must be accompanied by a Justice of the Peace, to bring a ballot to you at your home no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018.

The legal voters of the Town of Cabot are hereby notified and warned to meet in the third floor Auditorium, Cabot Town Hall [Willey Building] on **Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** for a Public Hearing to inform the voters on the following Articles which shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2018:

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Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Cabot Selectboard held on Monday, January 22, 2018. Received and recorded in the records of the Cabot Town Clerk's Office, Cabot, Vermont, on Monday, January 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward (Ted) Domey, Chair
Michael J. Hogan
John C. (Jack) Daniels
Fred Ducharme
Bernie Shatney
Board of Selectpersons

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