

Peru Town Meeting 2018-Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Peru are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Peru Town Center on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the hour of 10:00AM to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2: To elect Town Officers as the law directs.

Article 3:

- A) To see if the town will vote a tax to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as set forth in the budgets submitted in the 2018 Town Report, subject to such modifications as this meeting may vote.
- B) To authorize the selectmen to set the rate on the 2018 Grand List to meet the budgets voted
- C) To establish the date of payment of such taxes. Previous years dates July 1-September 30.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions made by law for payment of taxes to the Town Treasurer.

Article 5: Shall the voters prohibit the town constables from exercising any law enforcement authority, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1936a(a)(1)?

Article 6: Shall the voters vote a sum of money to the following organizations which serve the community

Mountain Valley Medical Center	\$3000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$1000.00
Visiting Nurse Assn. of VT/NH	\$2700.00
South Londonderry Free Library	\$1000.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$ 300.00
BROC	\$ 200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 140.00
SW Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 200.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 300.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$1000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
The Collaborative	\$ 750.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$1000.00
Project Against Violent Encounters	\$ 150.00
Peru Cemetery Commission	\$3700.00
Green Mtn. Club-Bromley lookout	\$1000.00
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless	\$ 500.00
Rural Fire Protection Task Force	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$17,090.00

Article 7: Shall the voters support the following resolution:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, a rise in tick borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.

2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
 - b. Enlisting state support in weatherizing town buildings and installing alternative energy, such as roof top solar to town structures;
 - c. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy. (By petition)

Article 8: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Peru, Vermont January 22, 2018



Todd Williams



Gail Acosta



Charles Black

Peru Selectboard