

**Town of Sharon
Annual Town Meeting Warning
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sharon Elementary School, 75 VT Route 132 in said Town on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00AM** to vote on the Articles herein. **NOTE: THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00AM TO 7:00PM FOR VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.**

Voters, or their family members, authorized persons, or health care providers may request early or absentee ballots for the articles to be voted on by Australian Ballot until 4:00PM on Monday, March 5, 2018 by contacting the Town Clerk at 763-8268 ext. 1. Voters wishing to vote by mail should request ballots early.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT 7AM – 7PM TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018.

Article 1. To elect the following Town Officials by Australian Ballot:
Town Clerk for 3 year term
Town Moderator for 1 year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year term
First Constable for 1 year term
Second Constable for 1 year term
Lister for 3 year term
Selectmen for 3 year term
Selectmen for 1 year remaining in 3 year term

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON FROM THE FLOOR AT THE ANNUAL MEETING 9:00AM TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018.

Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers:
Town Grand Juror – 1 year term
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits – 1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds – 3 year term
Trustee of Baxter Library – 3 year term
Trustee of Downer Fund – 3 year term

Article 3. To receive the reports of Town Officers.

Article 4. WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, 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 the 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;

Shall the Town of Sharon urge 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 marginalized groups or rural communities?

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon appropriate the amount of **\$1,483,497** for necessary Town expenses, including highways, of which **\$1,107,828** shall be raised by property taxes, and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize the Selectboard to transfer **\$33,000** of the unassigned FY17 general fund balance to the highway infrastructure reserve fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize the Town Treasurer to collect General Fund, Highway Fund, and School District taxes on real and personal estate in two (2) installments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 the first being on or before Wednesday, September 19, 2018 and the second being on or before Wednesday, February 13, 2019, with interest of one percent (1%) per month or part thereof for the first three months and one and one-half percent (1.5%) thereafter for each installment until paid in full, and a late fee of eight percent (8%) following any delinquency after the second installment due date.

Article 8. To see if the voters of the Town of Sharon will vote to schedule its next Town Meeting for 9AM Tuesday, March 5th, 2019.

Article 9. To transact any other business relevant to this meeting.

Warning dated at Sharon, Vermont this 25th day of January, 2018.

Sharon Board of Selectmen

/s/ Mary C. Gavin
Mary Gavin

/s/ Kevin Gish
Kevin Gish

/s/ Joe Ronan
Joe Ronan

Received for record before being posted this 25th day of January, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

Attest: /s/ Debra J. [Signature], Town Clerk