

## 2022 Town of Worcester, Vermont

### Town Meeting Information Session held February 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM Via ZOOM

Moderator Paul Hanlon called the meeting to order, and noted that the meeting is for informational purposes. There will be no voting.

**Article 1** – Katie Winkeljohn gave an overview of how voting would occur this town meeting day. The state gave permission again to mail ballots to all eligible, non-challenged voters of the town.

**Article 2 questions/comments** – This article would separate the town clerk and town treasurer position in to two separate jobs. Marcia Hill asked if the positions would both be full time positions. Ms. Winkeljohn share that they would both be about 35-hour a week positions. She shared that the job has become much bigger and they needed to be separated. Ms. Hill asked if there are other towns of similar size who split the positions into two jobs. Ms. Winkeljohn shared that Middlesex, Calais and Orange have them split.

**Article 3 questions/comments** – There was no discussion on this article.

**Article 4 questions/comments** – Selectboard chair Ted Lamb noted that the biggest jump in the town budget, which came in at \$788,777.80, was due to the town clerk and treasurer positions being separated. Ms. Winkeljohn noted that there would be no increase in the town tax rate, which has remained the same for the last five years.

**Article 5 questions/comments** – Janna Klar of the Montpelier Senior Center and Kaitlyn Howansky, representing the Community Harvest, shared regarding their respective organizations and their request for funds. There was not further discussion.

**Article 6 questions/comments** – Kellogg Hubbard Library representative and Worcester resident Sara David spoke regarding the library's \$17, 352 request for the calendar year of 2022. This is the library's first request for an increase since 2018.

**Article 7 question/comments** – There was no discussion on this article.

**Article 8 questions/comments** – There was no discussion on this article.

**Article 9 questions/comments** – There was no discussion on this article.

**Article 10 questions/comments** – There was no discussion on this article.

Mr. Hanlon thanked outgoing Selectboard member and chair Ted Lamb for his service to Worcester. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie Friot