

Annual Town & School District Meeting

&

Stowe Fire District #3

Merger Vote

March 5th, 2019

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Stowe High School

Date of Removal: 03/06/2019

Warnings Attached

OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
STOWE VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Stowe and the legal voters of the Stowe School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Stowe High School Auditorium on TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 at 8:00 AM to act upon any of the following articles not involving Australian Ballot:

TOWN MEETING:

Article 1: Shall the voters approve the Selectboard's proposed General Fund Budget of twelve million four hundred twenty one thousand ninety one dollars (\$12,421,091) of which nine million five hundred forty three thousand three hundred fifty six dollars (\$9,543,356) is to be raised by property taxes and two million eight hundred seventy seven thousand seven hundred thirty five dollars (\$2,877,735) is to be funded by non-tax revenues?

Department	Budget Request
Accounting	\$ 324,984
Administration	\$ 413,824
Akeley Memorial Bldg	\$ 144,833
Annual Leave Reserve	\$ 120,000
Cemetery	\$ 31,072
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 287,864
Cultural Campus	\$ 65,419
Debt Management	\$ 1,391,475
Economic Development	\$ 90,450
Elections	\$ 3,253
Emergency	\$ 2,636
EMS	\$ 693,289
Equipment Reserve	\$ 430,000
Fire	\$ 319,273
General Government	\$ 558,022
Highway	\$ 2,325,450
Insurance	\$ 190,319
Library	\$ 564,587
Listers	\$ 118,378
Mountain Rescue	\$ 29,917
Parks	\$ 539,594
Planning	\$ 152,669
Police	\$ 1,865,555
Public Safety Building	\$ 179,717
Public Works	\$ 349,636
Recreation	\$ 491,333
Social Services	\$ 53,972
Solid Waste	\$ 596
Stowe Arena	\$ 527,619
Street Lights	\$ 16,904
Zoning	\$ 138,451
Total	\$ 12,421,091

- Article 2: Shall the voters approve the Selectboard allocating two hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$285,000) of the accumulated Capital Fund for the following capital projects:

Rec Path Reconstruction between Bridge #1 and Bridge #2	\$285,000
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- Article 3: Shall the voters approve compensating each of its five (5) Selectboard members three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for their service in the ensuing year, each of the three (3) Listers two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for their service in the ensuing year, and the Moderator one hundred dollars (\$100) for each annual or special town meeting over which the moderator presides?
- Article 4: To hear and to act on the report of the Town officers and the Auditor's report for the budget period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Public Discussion of Non-Binding Town Business.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

- Article 1: Will the voters accept the annual report of the School Directors as presented?
- Article 2: Will the voters authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of returns from the State for such purposes, evidenced by notes of the District for that purpose?
- Article 3: Will the voters authorize the payment of its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?
- Article 4: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Public Discussion of Non-Binding School Business.

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ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
Vermont, dated this 28th day of
January 2019.


WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II


WILLIAM NOYES

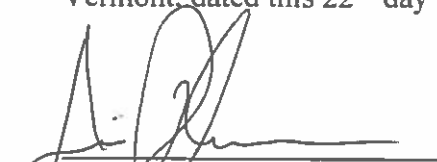

LISA G. HAGERTY



MORGAN NICHOLS



CORNELIUS VAN DYKE

ATTEST:

The School Directors, Stowe School District,
Vermont, dated this 22nd day of January 2019.


JAMES BROCHHAUSEN


TIFFANY DONZA


LINDSEY LAMB


LEIGH PELLETIER


CARA ZIMMERMAN

**OFFICIAL WARNING
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING
TOWN OF STOWE ANNUAL MEETING
AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Stowe are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Stowe High School Gym in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The polls shall open at seven o'clock in the morning, (7:00 a.m.), and shall close at seven o'clock in the evening, (7:00 p.m.), during which time the following articles are to be acted upon by Australian ballot:

TOWN ARTICLES

Article 1: To elect a Moderator of Town Meetings.

Australian ballot

Article 2: To elect all Town officers as required by law, to wit:
a. One Selectboard member for a three (3) year term
b. One Selectboard member for a two (2) year term
c. One Town Lister for a three (3) year term

Australian ballot

Article 3: Shall the voters approve the Plan of Merger between Stowe Fire District #3 and the Town of Stowe, the form and content of which was approved by the Town Selectboard and by the Prudential Committee of Stowe Fire District #3, which Plan provides, among other things, that all of the assets and liabilities of Stowe Fire District #3 shall be transferred to, assumed by and become assets and liabilities of the Town, and the ratepayers and water customers of Stowe Fire District #3 shall become ratepayers and customers of the Town of Stowe Water Department, and Stowe Fire District #3 shall terminate and cease to exist upon approval of the Plan of Merger by the General Assembly?

Australian ballot

SCHOOL ARTICLES

Article 4: To elect a School District Moderator.

Australian ballot

Article 5: To elect all School Directors for the Stowe School District as follows:
a. One Director for a term of three (3) years; and
b. One Director for a term of two (2) years.

Australian ballot

Article 6: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$12,776,450, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,805 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.8% higher than spending for the current year.

Australian ballot

APPROVED this 28 day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:
Selectboard, Town of Stowe


WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II

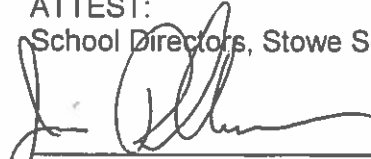

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLAN OF MERGER

TOWN OF STOWE

and

STOWE FIRE DISTRICT #3

The voters of the Town of Stowe, Vermont ("Town") and the voters of Stowe Fire District #3 (SFD3) are hereby notified that Public Hearings are scheduled to take comment and input on the Plan of Merger approved by the Town Selectboard and the Prudential Committee of SFD3. The Plan provides for SFD3 to transfer all its assets and liabilities to the Town, and for the Town to assume full responsibility for all water service to the SFD3 service area. The Plan requires voter approval and legislative approval. Upon merger, SFD3 will cease to exist.

A full copy of the Plan is available for inspection in the following locations:
In the Town – Town Clerk's Office; Public Safety Building; and Stowe Arena.

In SFD3 –DeNoia's Dry Cleaners; Stowe Quick Mart; Stowe Jolley & Car Wash and FD Clerk residence at 742 S. Main Street.

Copies of the plan are also available on the Town of Stowe website (www.townofstowevt.org) and may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

**FEBRUARY 11, 2019
5:30 PM Akeley Building Theater**

PUBLIC HEARING #2

**FEBRUARY 25, 2019
5:30 PM Akeley Building Theater**

**STOWE FIRE DISTRICT #3
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**TOWN OF STOWE
SELECTBOARD**

By: Elizabeth C. Bushnell
Duly Authorized
Dated: January 28, 2019

By: [Signature]
Duly Authorized
Dated: January 28, 2019

DATED AT Stowe, Vermont this _ day of January, 2019.

STOWE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3

By: Robert C. Dunham
Chair, Prudential Committee
Duly Authorized

Approved as to Form:

Paul Giuliani
J. Paul Giuliani, Esq.
Counsel for
Stowe Fire District No. 3

TOWN OF STOWE

By: JA
Town Manager
Duly Authorized

Approved as to Form:

Robert E. Fletcher
Robert E. Fletcher, Esq.
Counsel for
Town of Stowe