Town of Richmond Vermont Annual Town & School Meeting March 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond met at Camels Hump Middle School at 9 am to transact business. Moderator Clinton Buxton called the meeting to order. An honor guard from Boy Scout Troop #23 presented the Flags of our Country and the State of Vermont. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Buxton asked that we observe a moment of silence for the members of the military who serve to protect the freedoms we have today. Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed. Mr. Buxton stated the house rules and procedures.

Linda M. Parent, Town Clerk read the warning for the meeting.

Article 1. To hear & act upon the reports of the School Officers.

The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Duane LaRose, to accept the report of the School Officers. Jon Milazzo, School Board Chair, introduced the following School Board members: Scott Lowe and Catherine Burns. Also representing Richmond Elementary School were Michael Berry- Principal, John Alberghini — CHMS Superintendent, Jeanne Adams — RES Secretary, Robert Fahey —CESU Business Manager, Jennifer Botzojorns-Assistant Superintendent. Milazzo thanked all for their support of the schools. He acknowledged the change in school boards with regard to the merger of the modified school district. Report was accepted by vote of the assembly.

Article 3. To transact any other school business that may come legally before this meeting.

The article was moved by Ingrid Cichowski, second by Mary Claire Carroll, to open discussion. Geoff Urbanik asked the boards reasoning for the anticipated change in the RES food service. Marie Thomas acknowledged the superior work of RES Principal Michael Berry.

- Articles 3-7. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot. (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the Richmond Selectboard to negotiate and enter a Tax Stabilization Agreement for Economic Development purposes to reduce or cap municipal taxation as a redevelopment incentive, for the properties commonly known as the Creamery, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 2471, for a term not to exceed ten years?

The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Ingrid Cichowski, to open discussion. Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager gave a power point presentation of the project. Article passed by voice vote of those present.