



Village News

March 2019

Annual Village Meeting Is Coming Up!

This year's Annual Village Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM in the Johnson Elementary School gymnasium. At the Annual Village meeting, Village voters will vote on the General Department budget as well as several other articles. The full meeting warning is available at www.townofjohnson.com/news. The election of Village officers will take place via Australian ballot, with the polls open at the Municipal Office on April 2nd from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Early voting and absentee ballots are also available at the Municipal Office.

WHAT: Annual Village Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7:30 PM

WHERE: Johnson Elementary School Gym

Pearl Street Sidewalk Update

The Village is moving ahead with plans to reconstruct the sidewalk on Pearl Street/Clay Hill north of the Pearl Street bridge. Earlier this year, the Village issued a Request for Proposals for design and engineering services in order to develop detailed plans for the project which will be used when we go out to bid for construction. The Village is funding 100% of the design and engineering costs while the construction phase of the project is being partially supported by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Village Compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard

Like all electric utilities in Vermont, the Village's Water & Light Department is required to comply with the State's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which went into effect in 2017. Part of the RES requires utilities to increase the portion of its power supply coming from renewable resources overall, which is known as Tier 1, and from small, in-state renewable generation, known as Tier 2. Along with 11 other municipal utilities, the Village is a member of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) and our compliance with Tiers 1 & 2 is met in the aggregate with all VPPSA members. To learn more about the Village's Tiers 1 & 2 compliance, please go to <http://vppsa.com/energy/renewable-energy-standard/>. The RES also requires utilities to work with their customers to reduce their fossil fuel use, which includes rebates to customers for electric vehicles and heat pumps. Please call VPPSA at 802-224-7678 for more information on rebates for which you may be eligible.

Sign Up for Paperless Utility Billing!

Village utility customers can elect to receive their electric and water/sewer bills via email each month rather than receiving paper bills in the mail. The e-billing option will send a PDF version of the standard Village utility bill to you using an email address you provide, with the PDF available for download for 30 days from the date it was sent. All of the information now included in the traditional paper bills will be available on the PDF version. For more information, go to <http://townofjohnson.com/documents/applications/>

Two Friendly Reminders for Utility Customers

It has been a snowy and icy winter so far and there are no signs of spring quite yet. While there is still snow and ice on the ground, please make sure to keep a clear path to your electric and water meters so Village staff can safely access them to take the necessary readings.

In the event of a power outage or water/sewer emergency outside of the Municipal Office business hours, please call the Village's after-hours dispatch service at 1-844-287-6709.