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Town Meeting Tune-Up: A Workshop for Moderators and Other Local Officials

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About the Speakers

Ed Chase resides with Ilene, his wife of forty-seven years, in Westford, VT. He has four children and thirteen grandchildren who plague him incessantly and keep him young. Ed is an engineer who worked at IBM in Essex Junction for forty years. Now he is employed by The Light Radio Network, a Christian radio station that covers Vermont, western New York, and eastern New Hampshire, with studios in Essex Junction, VT. He is very active in church activities and has many hobbies including woodworking, photography, music (vocal, guitar and tuba), and year-round outdoor activities. Ed has been the Westford Town (2010 est. population of 2,029) and School District Moderator since 1988.

Steven Jeffrey is the former Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. He was appointed in 1982 after having served as the League's Associate Director since 1978 and is now retired from VLCT service. Prior to coming to Vermont, Steve served as lobbyist and Staff Associate for Labor Relations for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. He also worked for the New England Municipal Center in Durham, NH and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission in Dover, NH. Steve has a BA in government from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire. He served as Roxbury Town Moderator in 1987 and Northfield Town Meeting Parliamentarian from 1992 through 2002 before becoming the Northfield Moderator in 2003.

Nicole Mace Nicole Mace is the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association. Nicole has been with the VSBA since 2011, and has spent the last year working with school boards and other stakeholders across the state to help them understand the opportunities and challenges associated with implementing Act 46. Nicole is also serving her first term on the Winooski City Council.

Will Senning is the Director of Elections and Campaign Finance in the Secretary of State's Office. He has been in the position since April, 2013. Previously, Will worked as an Elections Administrator in the Elections Division for two years. Before coming to the Secretary of State's Office, Will worked as the fundraising coordinator for the Racine for Governor campaign in 2010. Before that, he practiced law for three years at Darby Stearns Law Offices in Waterbury. Will graduated from Vermont Law School *cum laude* in 2006 and received his B.A. from Hampshire College in Amherst, MA in 2001. Will was born and raised in Duxbury, where he has returned to raise his family. He lives on the side of Camel's Hump with his wife, Susan and their two young daughters, Stella Grace and Dylan.

Garrett Baxter is Senior Staff Attorney for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and has been teaching, writing, and advising Vermont's local officials on various municipal topics since first joining VLCT in April, 2004. A graduate of George Washington University (BA, 1999) and Vermont Law School (JD, MSEL, 2003), Garrett lives in Sheffield with his dog, Duke, where he also serves as the vice-chair of the Sheffield Planning Commission.