

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 7, 2023
CONDENSED MINUTES

290 ballots were cast.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Town Moderator	John Hill
Cemetery Commissioner	Carrie Lynn LaFond
Cemetery Commissioner 3 years	<i>No write-in candidate received sufficient votes to be elected</i>
Library Commissioner, 4 years	Barbara Hemingway
Library Commissioner, 5 years	Carrie Becker
Auditor, 3 years	Lynn Bowen
Selectboard (3 years)	Jerod Glover
Selectboard (1 year)	Thomas Bartholomew and Linda Swarm Peltier
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara Burlett
Trustee of Public Funds, Lister 2 years	Norma Phillips <i>No write-in candidate received sufficient votes to be elected</i>
Lister 3 years	Lois Trenn
First Constable	Adam Stewart

ARTICLES APPROVED

Article 2: \$433,690 for the General Fund Budget of which \$287,303 shall be raised by taxes.

Yes 22, No 64, Blank 1, by paper ballot

Article 3: \$799,270 for Town Highways of which \$538,944 shall be raised by taxes.

Yes 21 No 63, by paper ballot

Article 4: \$7,000 for the Benson First Response

Article 5: \$55,518 for the Fair Haven Rescue Squad Ambulance Services

Article 6: \$9,000 for the operating expenses of the Town Library

Article 7: \$20,000 for the maintenance and care of the Town Cemeteries

Article 8: \$1,250 for the Benson Youth League

Article 9: \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund

Article10: \$2,000 to support Fair Haven Concerned, Inc.

Article 11: \$5,000 for the Town-Wide Reappraisal

Yes 29, No 28, by floor vote

Article 12: \$1,400 to support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

Article 13: \$2000 to support the programs and services of BROCC

Article 14: \$900 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Article 15: \$2,500 for Family Day Committee

- Article 16:** \$15,000 for an accountant to conduct an audit or review on the town books
- Article 17:** Authorized payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 15, 2023, and March 15, 2024
- Article 18:** Authorized the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes
- Article 19:** Daphne Bartholomew thanked Heidi Chandler for her first year as Town Clerk and Treasurer.
Gail Ryan asked if the Road Foreman can be on the Selectboard?
Guy Charlton mention that other towns have the school children naming the snowplows and it would be a good thing to get the kids involved.
Heidi Chandler reminded voters about the upcoming property tax due date and Rabies Clinic.

Heidi Chandler, Town Clerk