

ANNUAL TOWN FLOOR MEETING February 28, 2026
CONDENSED MINUTES

Called to order at 10:00 AM

ARTICLES APPROVED

- Article 2: Adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680 (c) Fifty yes, thirty-six no by paper ballot.
- Article 3: Adopt all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680 (d)
- Article 4: \$829,735 for the layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways shall be raised by taxes of which \$693,735 shall be raised by taxes
- Article 5: \$420,730 for the General Fund Budget of which \$248,047 shall be raised by taxes
- Article 6: \$33,000 for the operating budget of the Benson Volunteer Fire Department and the sum of \$35,000 for the Fire Department Reserve Fund?
- Article 7: \$2,000 for the Benson First Response
- Article 8: \$69,154 for Fair Haven Rescue Squad
- Article 9: \$12,000 for the operating expenses of the Town Library
- Article 10: \$20,000 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries
- Article 11: \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship
- Article 12: \$2,500 to support the Family Day Committee
- Article 13: \$1,250 for the Benson Youth League
- Article 14: \$2,000 to support Slate Valley Cares (Fair Haven Concerned, Inc.) Amended to \$4,000
- Article 15: \$600 for the support of ARC-Rutland Area
- Article 16: \$2,000 in support of BROCC Community Action
- Article 17: \$1,400 for the support of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region
- Article 18: \$900 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
- Article 19: \$150 in support of RSVP, The Volunteer Program
- Article 20: \$1,000 for the support of Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County

ARTICLES TABLED

- Article 21: Condemn racism and welcome all persons regardless of race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age or disability, or socioeconomic status, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community

OTHER ARTICLES

- Article 22: Authorized payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 15, 2026 and March 15, 2027
- Article 23: Authorized Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect current taxes
- Article 24: To transact any other business proper to be done at the Annual Town Meeting

Heidi Chandler, Town Clerk