

WARNING
MARCH 5, 2024
FOR THE 238th BENSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Benson in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Community Hall in said Town on the first Tuesday in March, being the 5th of March 2024, at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

- Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as follows:
- 1 Town Moderator for a term of one year
 - 1 Select Board Member for a term of three years
 - 2 Select Board Members for a term of one year
 - 1 Lister for a term of three years
 - 1 Lister for a term of one year remaining of a three-year term ✓
 - 1 Auditor for a term of three years
 - 1 Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
 - 1 Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years
 - 1 Library Commissioner for a term of five years
 - 1 Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
 - 1 Cemetery Commissioner for three years remaining of five-year term

Voting under Article 1 will be by Australian ballot
Polls will open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

- Article 2: Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$507,530 for the General Fund Budget of which \$364,271 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 3: Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$807,620 for the layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways of which \$667,445 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 4: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,000 for Benson First Response for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to help defray the cost of major expenses?
- Article 5: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$62,336 for the support of Fair Haven Rescue Squad to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 6: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$11,000 for the support of Benson Public Library to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$20,000 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,250 for the Benson Youth League in support of their program?

- Article 9: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund?
- Article 10: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,000 in support of Slate Valley Cares (formerly Fair Haven Concerned, Inc.) to provide appropriate social services to the Town of Benson?
- Article 11: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$600 for the support of ARC-Rutland Area to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 12: Shall the town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,400 for the support of VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide appropriate social services to residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 13: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,000 in support of BROCC Community Action to provide appropriate social services to residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 14: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900 in support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide appropriate social services to residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 15: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 to support the Benson Family Day Committee?
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to expend \$250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty thousand Dollars) of ARPA funds on construction of a new highway garage. Said funds to be used to reduce the amount to be borrowed?
- Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$30,000 for Law Enforcement?
- Article 18: Shall the Town change the date of its annual meeting to the third day preceding the first Tuesday in March pursuant to 17 V.S.A § 2640?
- Article 19: Shall the Town vote to eliminate the office of constable pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651a(d)?
- Article 20: Shall the Town of Benson adopt its General Fund budget by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(c)(1)?
- Article 21: Shall the Town of Benson adopt its Highway budget by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(c)(1)?
- Article 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for highway projects, to make improvements to Money Hole Road and Carter Street?
- Article 23: Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 16, 2024 and March 17, 2025?

Article 24: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes?

Article 25: To transact any other business proper to be done at the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at Benson, Vermont this 1 day of February, 2024

Linda R. Peltier Linda Peltier

Guy M. Charlton Guy Charlton

Brad Barrett Brad Barrett

Jerod Glover Jerod Glover

Thomas a. Bartholomew Thomas Bartholomew