

**WARNING 2026
FOR THE 240th 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 at 2724 Stage Road in said Town on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. to act on Articles 2-24 and Tuesday, March 3, 2026, between the hours of 10:00 A.M and 7:00 P.M, to vote by Australian ballot on Article 1.

- Article 1:** To elect all Town Officers as follows:
- 1 Town Moderator for a term of one year
 - 1 Selectboard Member for a term of three years
 - 2 Selectboard Members for a term of one year
 - 1 Lister for a term of three years
 - 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 Library Commissioner for two years remaining of a five year term
 - 1 Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years

Voting under Article 1 will be by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026,

Polls will open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Voting on Articles 2-20 will be on Saturday February 28, 2026 at 10:00A.M.

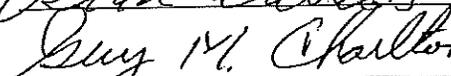
- Article 2:** Shall the Town of Benson adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680 (c)?
- Article 3:** Shall the Town of Benson adopt all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680 (d)?
- Article 4:** Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$829,735 for the layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways of which \$693,735 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 5:** Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$420,730 for the General Fund Budget of which \$248,047 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 6:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$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:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$2,000 for the Benson First Response for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to help defray the cost of major expenses?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$69,154 for the support of Fair Haven Rescue Squad to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the operating expenses of the Town Library?
- Article 10:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries?
- Article 11:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund?

- Article 12:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 to support the Family Day Committee?
- Article 13:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,250 for the Benson Youth League for the support of their program?
- Article 14:** Will the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 in support or Slate Valley Cares to provide support to the residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 15:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$600 for the support of ARC-Rutland Area to provide services to residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 16:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 in support of BROCC Community Action?
- Article 17:** Shall the town vote to appropriate, the sum of \$1,400 for the support of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, to provide services to residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 18:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate and the sum of \$900 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide support to the residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 19:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate and the sum of \$150 in support of RSVP and The Volunteer Program to provide support to the residents of the Town of Benson?
- Article 20:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County to provide services to the residents of the Town?
- Article 21:** Shall the Town of Benson vote to 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?
- Article 22:** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 15, 2026 and March 15, 2027?
- Article 23:** Shall the voters authorize the 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.

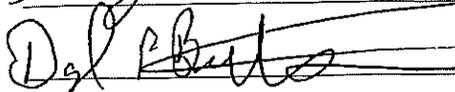
Dated at Benson, Vermont this 22nd day of January, 2026 by the Selectboard members of the Town of Benson:

 Brad Barrett

 Jim Pritchard

 Guy Charlton

Daric Brown

 Daryl Burlett