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**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The residents of the Town of Bennington qualified by law to vote in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet in said Town on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., (or immediately following the Southwest VT Regional Technical School District's Annual meeting should that run over) to transact the business specified to be done from the floor. Provisions for the hearing impaired will be in place for this meeting.

Following the completion of such business, the Meeting will stand adjourned to Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at The Bennington Fire Facility on River Street (Lincoln Street entrance). The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the election of officers and voting on all ballot articles specified. However, those on the checklist to vote in the Village of North Bennington shall vote for the election of officers and on all ballot articles at the North Bennington Village office on Main Street in North Bennington. The Bennington Fire Facility above mentioned, is hereby established as the central polling place for those on the checklist to vote in said Bennington. Residents of Bennington and North Bennington may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, 205 South Street, Bennington, Vermont. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE "FLOOR"

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. TOWN REPORT: To hear the report of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2. OTHER BUSINESS: To transact such other proper business when met.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED BY BALLOT
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
THE POLLS TO BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
AT THE POLLING PLACES SPECIFIED ABOVE**

SELECT BOARD ELECTION. Two Select Board Members residing in the Town shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town appropriate for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, the total sum of \$16,135,310.00 consisting of the following: \$4,853,340.00 for the laying out, maintaining, and repairing of the highways and bridges of the Town; and \$11,281,970.00 for the payment of the following: Any indebtedness not otherwise specifically provided for, interest on indebtedness, legally authorized State and County taxes, the prosecution and defense of the common rights and interests of the inhabitants of the Town, and for other necessary incidental expenses?

The proposed budget includes \$25,000.00 for fire equipment, \$5,000.00 for fire facilities, \$10,000.00 for technology improvements, \$426,100.00 for healthcare reserve and workers compensation insurance, \$80,000.00 for bridges and \$2,000.00 for well maintenance, any unexpended portion of which will be reserved to subsequent years for that purpose.

**YES
NO**

ARTICLE 2. Shall the bonds of the Town of Bennington in an amount not to exceed \$5.8 million be issued for the purpose of upgrading the Gage Street water main and upgrading the water system in the south end (Jefferson Heights and Margaret Lane) to increase water pressure within the system.

**YES
NO**

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse?

**YES
NO**

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Project Against Violent Encounters?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$5,500.00 for Green Mountain Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$6,750.00 for BROCC - Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$7,000.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$10,000.00 for The Tutorial Center?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$11,000.00 for Bennington Project Independence?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$12,500.00 for Bennington Free Clinic?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$15,000.00 for Sunrise Family Resource Center?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$21,600.00 for VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

YES

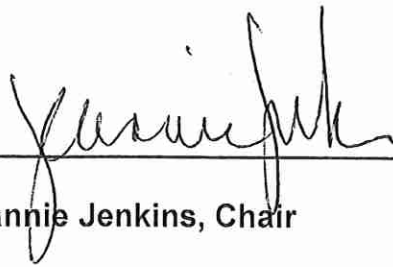
NO

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$25,000.00 for Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?


YES

NO

BY THE SELECT BOARD



Jeannie Jenkins, Chair



Jeanne Conner, Vice Chair

James Carroll




Tom Haley



Gary Corey



Sarah Perrin



Bruce C. Lee-Clark

Dated at Bennington, Vermont this 23rd day of January 2023.