

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT**  
**March 07, 2023**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR SELECT BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Vote for not more than TWO)</p> <p>ASHER DAVID EDELSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SARAH PERRIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JACK ROSSITER-MUNLEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DONALD WASHUM <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NANCY WHITE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>EDWARD WOODS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 3</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 4</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Project Against Violent Encounters?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 5</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 6</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$6,750.00 for BROCC - Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 7</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$7,000.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 8</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 9</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$10,000.00 for The Tutorial Center?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 10</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$11,000.00 for Bennington Project Independence?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 11</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$12,500.00 for Bennington Free Clinic?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 12</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$15,000.00 for Sunrise Family Resource Center?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 13</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$21,600.00 for VNA &amp; Hospice of the Southwest Region?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 14</b></p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2024 General Fund by the sum of \$25,000.00 for Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 1</b></p> <p>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?</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 2</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p> |   |   |

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**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**