

# Town of Castleton, Town Meeting Agenda 2022

Moderator, Michael Finnegan

Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics Auditorium at Castleton University in the Town of Castleton on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Remote option below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82228784181>

Meeting ID: 822 2878 4181

By phone (929) 205-6099

6:30 P.M. - Moderator Michael Finnegan greets everyone and calls the meeting to order.

6:31 – Moderator Michael Finnegan provides instruction to attendees who are participating via Zoom.

## Zoom User Tips

In order to help the meeting move along as smoothly as possible, please follow the following rules of etiquette:

Log on to the meeting early. Keep your Microphone muted and turn off your video.

Please use the chat feature when you have a question to ask publicly. Always identify yourself using your full name and address prior to typing your question in the chat. Your question will be read aloud and answered publicly.

Remember this is an informational meeting only, all voting will take place by Australian Ballot tomorrow.

6:35 - Pledge of Allegiance

6:36 – Moderator introduces local representatives who are participating via Zoom.

- Introduce Representative Bob Helm (he will speak for a few minutes)
- Introduce Representative Bill Canfield (he will speak for a few minutes)
- Introduce Select Board Select Board
  - Chairman James “Jim” Leamy
  - Vice Chairman Richard “Dick” Combs
  - Member, Robert “Bob” Spaulding
  - Parliamentarian Joseph “Joe” Mark
  - Member Michael “Mike” Holden

6:56 – Moderator introduces Perry Ragouzis, Student Activities Vice President of Community Relations. (Perry will provide a brief update on the students and activities on campus.)

7:05 – Moderator recognizes Castleton University Student Government Representatives Willow Hogan and Tyler Gouvan. They will be assisting the moderator by providing microphones to those in the audience who raise their hands to ask questions and are recognized by the moderator. Thank you for participating in our Democratic processes.

The following items are listed on the ballot for the voters. Election day is tomorrow. Polls are at the Fire Department and are open from 8:00am – 7:00pm.

Article 1. To elect Officers for the following terms: two (2) Select Board members for 1 year; one (1) Select Board for 3 years, One (1) Library Trustee for 5 years, One (1) Town Moderator for 1 year.

Article 2. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$26,618 for Legislating? (Prior year \$26,542)

Article 3. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,965 for Ordinances & Proceedings? (Prior year \$1,965)

Article 4. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$184,500 for Managing Municipalities? (Prior year \$182,428)

Article 5. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,271 for Conducting Elections? (Prior year \$8,804)

Article 6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$48,817 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds? (Prior year \$48,159)

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,624 for Accounting? (Prior year \$104,833)

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Auditing? (Prior year \$12,000)

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$34,383 for Tax Listing? (Prior year \$34,434)

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$42,592 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$42,596)

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$83,051 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$80,878)

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$20,000)

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$43,711 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$41,738)

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,255 for Community Development & Economic Revitalization? (Prior year \$7,490)

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$191,828 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year \$192,850)

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$27,450 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$23,439)

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$531,182 for Police Department? (Prior year \$526,025)

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$36,218 for Emergency Medical Services? (Includes Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. & RAS/Castleton First Responders) (Prior year \$36,218)

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$169,575 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$167,144)

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,550 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$8,750)

Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,165,292 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,155,379)

Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,900 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,400)

Article 23. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000)

Article 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the Hillside Cemetery? (Prior year \$29,000)

Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,443 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,443)

Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,467 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$5,469)

Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,773 for the Constable? (Prior year \$29,803)

Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$341,695 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$345,277)

Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$185,630 for Recreation? (Prior year \$113,797)

Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,150 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade? (Prior year \$3,300)

Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$116,000 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$116,000)

Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,500)

Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,159 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$10,161)

Article 34. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$43,000)

Article 35. Shall \$153,000 of the unassigned General Fund surplus balance as of June 30, 2021, be applied toward the construction of a new salt/sand shed on Staso Road?

Article 36. Because of a decline in student enrollments, the Board of Directors of Slate Valley Unified Union School District found that the Castleton Village School is not necessary for the continued operation of the school district and its educational programs, and after holding three public hearings on the matter, determined that it was necessary to close the Castleton Village School. SHALL the voters of the Town of Castleton approve the closure of the Village School?

Article 37. An historic agreement between the towns of Castleton and Hubbardton provides for Castleton to have an 89 percent interest in financial and educational matters and Hubbardton to have an 11 percent interest in those matters. If the voters of the Town of Castleton approve the closure of Castleton Village School, SHALL the Town of Castleton buy the Castleton Village School property for One Dollar in order to acquire either full ownership of the building or, if the Town of Hubbardton also votes to buy the building, an 89 percent ownership stake in it?

Article 38. Shall the town authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. Section 863?

Article 39. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,500 for the support of ARC - Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with advocacy, resources, and community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families? (Not included in the budget)

Article 40. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,600 for administrative support of Castleton Cares, Inc., determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with emergency assistance to local people in need? (Not included in the budget)

Article 41. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$25,000 for the support of Castleton Community Seniors, Inc., determining that the program serves residents of the Town with the operation of the Castleton Community Center (The Old Homestead)? (Not included in the budget)

Article 42. Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit Districts (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town? (Not included in the budget)

Article 43. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the VNA & HOSPICE of the Southwest Region?(Not included in the budget)

Article 44. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$4,088 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services? (Not included in the budget)

Article 45. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$900 for the support of RSVP and the Volunteer Center, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and community services? (Not included in the budget)

Article 46. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, determining the program serves residents of the Town with elder services? (Not included in the budget)

Article 47. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$1,000 for the support of Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence? (Not included in the budget)

Article 48. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,725 for the support of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with weatherization, emergency food and small business development? (Not included in the budget)

Please remember to vote.