

## **Informational Town Meeting**

**March 4, 2024, 6:30PM**

**Herrick Auditorium, Vermont State College Castleton Campus**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87660328556>**

**Meeting ID: 876 6032 8556**

**Phone 929 205 6099**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moderator Mike Finnegan welcomes all to the 2024 Informational Meeting
- Thomas Harris Student Representative & Perry Ragouzis Student Government President at Castleton provide an update from the University.
- Jarrod Sammis will provide an update from Montpelier.
- Julie Finnegan & Tim Smith will speak about the Slate Valley Unified School District budget.
- Introduction of the Select Board members.
- Select Board Comments, if any.
- Proceed with the articles on the Official Warning and refer any questions to the Select Board member responsible for the article as noted on the warning sheet.
- Social Services articles inquire if anyone representing the organization is present and would like to speak.
- Citizens comments and questions.

**TOWN OF CASTLETON  
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Castleton, in the County of Rutland, and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in person at the **Herrick Auditorium**, Vermont State University at Castleton or **remotely via Zoom** on **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm** for the informational Town Meeting; and on the first Tuesday in March, being **March 5, 2024 at 8:00 am** at the Town of Castleton Public Safety Building (aka the Castleton Fire Station) at 273 Rte. 30 N in said Town to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 through 45. Polls close at 7:00 pm on March 5, 2024.

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**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON MARCH 5, 2024 BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES 1 – 45**

Article 1. To elect Officers for the following terms: two (2) Select Board members for 1 year; one (1) Select Board member for 3 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 5 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 3 years remaining of a 5 year term; One (1) Town Moderator for 1 year; One (1) Town Clerk for 3 years; One (1) Treasurer for 3 years

Article 2. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$29,406 for Legislating?

Article 3. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,224 for Ordinances & Proceedings?

Article 4. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$202,443 for Managing Municipalities?

Article 5. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,929 for Conducting Elections?

Article 6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$47,071 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds?

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$121,787 for Accounting?

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for Auditing?

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,725 for Tax Listing?

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$45,222 for Tax Collecting?

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$93,374 for Document Recording/Issue?

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for Legal Services?

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$49,470 for Municipal Planning & Zoning?

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,650 for Community Development & Economic Revitalization?

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$264,575 for General Government Buildings? (Includes former CVS)

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$33,200 for General Government Equipment?

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$648,196 for the Police Department?

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$43,482 for Emergency Medical Services? (Includes Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. & RAS/Castleton First Responders)

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$262,807 for the Fire Department?

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,250 for Emergency Management?

Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,433,382 for the Highway Department?

Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$24,750 for Town Lands?

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

Article 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the Hillside Cemetery?

Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,373 for Health Regulating & Inspecting?

Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,329 for Animal Control?

Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,745 for the Constable?

Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$376,477 for the Transfer Station?

Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$198,464 for Recreation?

Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$14,200 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade?

Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$118,186 for Library Administration?

Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,884 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires?

Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,130 for Tree Warden?

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

Article 35. Will the voters approve expenditures totaling \$7,000 to cover the one-time costs of hosting a free-admission public "Ethan Allen in Castleton Day" 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Castleton on May 9, 2025?

Article 36. 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 37. 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 38. 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 39. 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 40. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice (\$550 to support Rutland Area Hospice & \$6,170 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)? (Not included in the budget)

Article 41. 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)

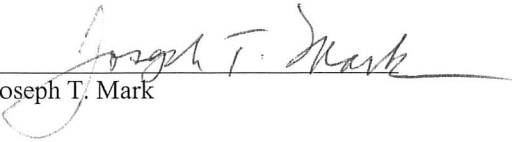
Article 42. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$900 for the support of RSVP and the Volunteer Center, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and community services? (Not included in the budget)

Article 43. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with elder services? (Not included in the budget)

Article 44. 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 45. 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)

Approved by the Selectboard at Castleton, Vermont this 22nd day of January 2024:

  
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Joseph T. Mark

  
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Richard A. Combs

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James P. Leamy

  
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Robert V. Spaulding

**SELECT BOARD**