

**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 at the **Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics Auditorium at Castleton University** in the Town of Castleton on **Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30pm** to act on Articles 1 through 5 and on the first Tuesday in March, being **March 5, 2019 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 6 through 51. Polls close at 7:00 pm on March 5, 2019.

Article 1. Shall the Town accept the Town Report as printed?

Article 2. Shall the Town authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments, with the dates for payment being August 31, November 30, February 28 (29 in leap Year) and May 31?

Article 3. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Article 4. Shall the Town at this meeting discuss the proposed Select Board's budget for the expenses for the ensuing year?

Article 5. To act upon any business, which may properly come before this meeting?

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON MARCH 5, 2019 BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES 6 - 51.

Article 6. To elect Officers for the following terms: a Town Agent for 1 year; a 1st Constable for 2 years; a Grand Juror for 1 year; a Library Trustee for 5 years; a Town Moderator for 1 year; 2 Select Board members for 1 year; a Select Board member for 3 years;

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,708 for Legislating? (Prior year \$25,375)

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,565 for Ordinances & Proceedings? (Prior year \$2,565)

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$167,439 for Managing Municipalities? (Prior year \$167,916)

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,064 for Conducting Elections? (Prior year \$11,782)

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$43,502 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds? (Prior year \$42,467)

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$88,394 for Accounting? (Prior year \$86,009)

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Auditing? (Prior year \$12,000)

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,644 for Tax Listing? (Prior Year \$25,138)

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,375 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$35,566)

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$75,500 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$72,081)

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$20,000)

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,939 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$40,100)

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$190,013 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year \$180,780)

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,700 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$20,700)

Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$509,950 for Police Department? (Prior year \$450,690)

Article 22. 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 23. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$160,799 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$143,247)

Article 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$11,350)

Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,114,080 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,096,164)

Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,600 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,500)

Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000)

Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for Hillside Cemetery (Prior year \$27,000)

Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,449 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,506)

Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,186 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$1,060)

Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,525 for Constables? (Prior year \$36,119)

Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$344,453 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$300,636)

Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$109,050 for Recreation? (Prior year \$99,729)

Article 34. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,150 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade? (Prior year \$2,150)

Article 35. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$111,500)

Article 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,000)

Article 37. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,834 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$2,864)

Article 38. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$40,000)

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 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 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 that 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)

Article 49. Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$7,500 for the support of the 4th of July Committee for the coordination of the 4th of July Parade & Annual Fireworks Display. To provide services to the residents of the Town. (Not included in the budget)

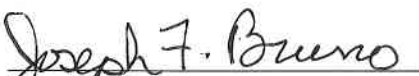
Article 50. Whereas extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, a rise in tick borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our town, state, nation, and the world, and

Whereas the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable resources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal; Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines;
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.
2. That the Town will do our part to meet these goals by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing Town lands;
 - b. Enlisting state support in weatherizing and installing alternative energy to Town structures;
 - c. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy.

Article 51. Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to withdraw from the contract with Rutland County Solid Waste District and join the Solid Waste Alliance Communities to provide less expensive services for the town's solid waste?

Approved by the Select Board at Castleton, Vermont this 21st
day of January 2019


Joseph F. Bruno


Richard A. Combs

James P. Leamy


Zack S. Holzworth

Robert V. Spaulding
SELECT BOARD