

**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 2, 2020 at 6:30pm** to act on Articles 1 through 5 and on the first Tuesday in March, being **March 3, 2020 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 57. Polls close at 7:00 pm on March 3, 2020.

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 3, 2020 BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES 6 - 57.

Article 6. To elect Officers for the following terms: a Town Agent for 1 year; a 2nd Constable for 2 years; a Grand Juror for 1 year; 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 \$26,079 for Legislating? (Prior year \$25,708)

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,965 for Ordinances & Proceedings? (Prior year \$2,565)

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$177,245 of for Managing Municipalities? (Prior year \$167,439)

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,162 for Conducting Elections? (Prior year of \$9,064)

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$46,746 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds? (Prior year \$43,502)

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$97,048 for Accounting? (Prior year \$88,394)

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 \$39,332 for Tax Listing? (Prior Year \$38,644)

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,573 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$38,375)

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$78,394 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$75,500)

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$30,000)

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,836 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$40,939)

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,996 for Community Development and Economic Revitalization? (Prior year \$0)

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$194,950 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year 190,013)

Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$23,439 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$20,700)

Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$523,038 for Police Department? (Prior year \$509,950)

Article 23. 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 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$165,147 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$160,799)
- Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$11,000)
- Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,153,191 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,114,081)
- Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,400 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,600)
- Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000)
- Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for Hillside Cemetery? (Prior year \$28,000)
- Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,446 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,449)
- Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,170 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$5,186)
- Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$37,239 for Constables? (Prior year \$40,525)
- Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$346,430 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$344,453)
- Article 34. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$108,827 for Recreation? (Prior year \$109,050)
- Article 35. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,650 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade? (Prior year \$9,650)
- Article 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$111,500)
- Article 37. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,000)
- Article 38. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,749 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$9,834)
- Article 39. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$40,000)
- Article 40. 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 41. 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 42. 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 43. 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 44. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice)? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 45. 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 46. 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 47. 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 48. 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 49. 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 50. Shall the Town authorize expanding the reserve account for the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) Building to include the Police Department?

Article 51. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use \$100,000 from the Capital Improvements of the Town Reserve to apply toward the 20% match needed to secure a grant to construct a salt and sand shed on Town property? (The \$100,000 represents proceeds from the sale of the old fire station and the remainder of the reserve that helped fund the new Town Office.)

Article 52. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use the remaining balance in the Weed Harvesting Reserve account (estimated to be \$18,477 as of June 30, 2020) and remaining balance in the Lake Related Reserve account (estimated to be \$620 as of June 30, 2020) for the purpose of dredging the lake at the mouth of the Sucker Brook tributary to remove silt and debris, and to stabilize the banks of Sucker Brook to mitigate erosion and further degradation of the stream bank?

Article 53. Shall the Town authorize \$8,000 from the unassigned General Fund surplus as of June 30, 2019 to be placed in the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) (Police, Fire, and EMS) Building Reserve for the purpose of "capital improvements/repair of the Public Safety Building (CERT) property?"

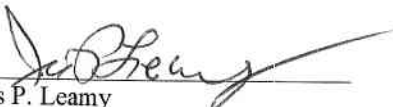
Article 54. Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a reserve fund for the Town Office building and lands for capital improvements/repair?


Article 55. Shall the Town authorize \$8,000 from the unassigned General Fund surplus as of June 30, 2019 to be placed in reserve fund for the purpose of capital improvements/repairs of the Town Office building and lands?

Article 56. Shall the voters of the Town of Castleton vote to exempt the real and personal property of the Bomoseen Valley Grange #273, from taxation for a period of five years to become effective this current year and remain in effect for five consecutive years, Pursuant to 32 VSA Section 3840?

Article 57. Shall the Town of Castleton withdraw from Rutland County Solid Waste District and take the necessary steps to join the Solid Waste Alliance Communities?

Approved by the Select Board at Castleton, Vermont this 21st day of January 2020.


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