

PART 1

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

CASTLETON, VERMONT

MARCH 3, 2020

- A. To vote, completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice(s), like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the oval.
- D. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another.

TOWN AGENT

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

(WRITE-IN) ☐**SECOND CONSTABLE**

For Two Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

MICHAEL A. JONES 930 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐**GRAND JUROR**

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

(WRITE-IN) ☐**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For Five Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

PATRICK KELLER 972 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN MODERATOR**

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

MICHAEL FINNEGAN 948 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN SELECTMAN**

For Three Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

JOE BRUNO 446 ☐RICHARD "DICK" COMBS 690 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN SELECTMAN**

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than TWO)

JIM LEAMY 692 ☒JOE MARK 692 ☒ROB STEELE 523 ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN ARTICLES**

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$26,079 for Legislating? (Prior year \$25,708)

795 YES ☒371 NO ☐

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

944 YES ☒230 NO ☐

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

811 YES ☒355 NO ☐

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

811 YES ☒369 NO ☐

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

736 YES ☒427 NO ☐

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

655 YES ☒514 NO ☐

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

968 YES ☒206 NO ☐

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$39,332 for Tax Listing? (Prior Year \$38,644)

777 YES ☒393 NO ☐

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Results

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,573 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$38,375) <u>684</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>467</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$523,038 for Police Department? (Prior year \$509,950) <u>771</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>394</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for Hillside Cemetery? (Prior year \$28,000) <u>921</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>241</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$78,394 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$75,500) <u>659</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>485</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	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) <u>1090</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>86</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,446 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,449) <u>976</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>178</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$30,000) <u>927</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>224</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$165,147 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$160,799) <u>944</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>225</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,170 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$5,186) <u>932</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>231</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,836 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$40,939) <u>751</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>397</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$11,000) <u>971</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>183</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$37,239 for Constables? (Prior year \$40,525) <u>951</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>215</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,996 for Community Development and Economic Revitalization? (Prior year \$0) <u>733</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>413</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,153,191 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,114,081) <u>878</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>277</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$346,430 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$344,453) <u>855</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>314</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$194,950 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year 190,013) <u>673</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>471</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,400 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,600) <u>925</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>230</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 34. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$108,827 for Recreation? (Prior year \$109,050) <u>913</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>258</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$23,439 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$20,700) <u>739</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>409</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000) <u>1001</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>161</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Article 35. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,650 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4 th Parade? (Prior year \$9,650) <u>867</u> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>292</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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<p>Article 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$111,500)</p> <p>965 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>241 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>927 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>257 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>898 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>296 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 37. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,000)</p> <p>954 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>251 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>993 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>207 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>1012 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>188 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 38. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,749 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$9,834)</p> <p>905 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>288 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>996 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>206 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>941 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>262 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 39. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$40,000)</p> <p>935 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>246 NO <input type="radio"/></p>		

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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)

837 YES ☒
303 NO ☐

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)

910 YES ☒
242 NO ☐

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)

954 YES ☒
198 NO ☐

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)

850 YES ☒
294 NO ☐

Article 50. Shall the Town authorize expanding the reserve account for the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) Building to include the Police Department?

842 YES ☒
299 NO ☐

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.)

822 YES ☒
316 NO ☐

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?

832 YES ☒
303 NO ☐

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?

855 YES ☒
283 NO ☐

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

689 YES ☒
437 NO ☐

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?

702 YES ☒
422 NO ☐

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?

728 YES ☒
395 NO ☐

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?

506 YES ☐
596 NO ☒

RESULTS

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COMPLETED VOTING