

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- 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.
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FOR SELECT BOARD

(Vote for not more than TWO)

DONALD CAMPBELL

JIM CARROLL

WILLIAM H. STEWART

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

FOR TOWN CLERK

(Vote for not more than ONE)

CASSANDRA BARBEAU

(Write-in)

ARTICLE 1

Shall the Town appropriate for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the total sum of \$12,893,030.00 consisting of the following: \$4,087,120.00 for the laying out, maintaining, and repairing of the highways and bridges of the Town; and \$8,805,910.00 for the payment of the following: Any indebtedness not otherwise specifically provided for, interest on indebtedness, legally authorized State and County taxes, the prosecution and defense of the common rights and interests of the inhabitants of the Town, and for other necessary incidental expenses?

The proposed budget includes \$60,000.00 for fire equipment, \$20,000.00 for parking improvements, \$7,500.00 for regional economic development, and \$451,600.00 for healthcare reserve and workers compensation insurance, any unexpended portion of which will be reserved to subsequent years, for that purpose.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town of Bennington amend the Town Charter to add Section 407 as follows:

§ 103-407. Mayoral form of government

(a) In lieu of a town manager, the voters may adopt a mayoral form of government, by vote at a duly-warned annual meeting, warned pursuant to a petition signed by five percent of the voters or on the Selectboard's own motion. Once a vote in favor of this form of government is successful, the voters shall elect a mayor at the next annual meeting. Once the mayor takes office, the Town Manager system of governance shall end for Bennington.

(b) The mayor shall be responsible for the management of the administrative affairs of the Town, in the same manner and with the same powers and responsibilities as the Town Manager, as stated in statute and this charter.

(c) The mayor shall have the power to make or break a tie, and shall have the power to veto any action of the Selectboard.

(d) The mayor shall serve as the voice of the Town of Bennington, taking responsibility for implementing the policies of the Selectboard, leading the Town toward greater prosperity and a healthy economy, and a better life for all its residents.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 3

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$2,500.00 for Turning Point Center of Bennington?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 4

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Project Against Violent Encounters?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 6

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$5,500.00 for Green Mountain Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 7

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$7,000.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 8

Shall the voters Increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Bennington Free Clinic?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 9

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for BROCC - Community Action In Southwestern Vermont?

YES
NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

<p align="center">ARTICLE 10</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE 12</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$11,000.00 for Bennington Project Independence?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE 14</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$21,600.00 for Bennington Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">ARTICLE 11</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$10,000.00 for The Tutorial Center?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE 13</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$15,000.00 for Sunrise Family Resource Center?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE 15</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2019 General Fund by the sum of \$25,000.00 for Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009 ELECTION
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<p align="center">ARTICLE A: FOR SVRTSD BOARD</p> <p align="center"><i>(Vote for not more than FOUR)</i></p> <p>ROBERT BAHNY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JON GAUTHIER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JACKIE KELLY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>EDWARD LETOURNEAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-In)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-In)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-In)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-In)</p>		<p align="center">ARTICLE B:</p> <p>Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$3,424,190, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">ARTICLE C:</p> <p>Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
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