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**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The residents of the Town of Bennington qualified by law to vote in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bennington Fire Facility on River Street (Lincoln Street entrance) in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or immediately following the Southwest Vermont Union Elementary School District's Annual meeting should that run over, to transact the business specified to be done from the floor.

If you are a resident of the Town of Bennington, intend to be present at the meeting and are hearing impaired, arrangements will be made for a sign interpreter to be present at this meeting. For necessary arrangements, please contact Stuart A. Hurd, Town Manager at the Bennington Town Offices, 205 South Street, P.O. Box 469, Bennington, VT - (802) 442-1037 no later than Friday, February 14, 2020.

Following the completion of such business, the Meeting will stand adjourned to Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at The Bennington Fire Facility on River Street (Lincoln Street entrance). The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the election of officers and voting on all ballot articles specified. However, those on the checklist to vote in the Village of North Bennington shall vote for the election of officers and on all ballot articles at the North Bennington Village Office on Main Street in North Bennington. The Bennington Fire Facility above mentioned, is hereby established as the central polling place for those on the checklist to vote in said Bennington. Residents of Bennington and North Bennington may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, 205 South Street, Bennington, Vermont. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR

Monday, March 2, 2020

7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. TOWN REPORT: To hear the report of Town Officers and to take appropriate action thereon.

ARTICLE 2. SELECT BOARD MEMBERS COMPENSATION: To determine what compensation shall be paid to the Town Select Board Members.

ARTICLE 3. OTHER BUSINESS: To transact such other proper business when met.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED BY BALLOT
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020
THE POLLS TO BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
AT THE POLLING PLACES SPECIFIED ABOVE**

SELECT BOARD ELECTION. Two Select Board Members residing in the Town shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town appropriate for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the total sum of \$13,921,440.00 consisting of the following: \$4,135,250.00 for the laying out, maintaining, and repairing of the highways and bridges of the Town; and \$9,786,190.00 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, \$13,000.00 for parking improvements, and \$411,540.00 for healthcare reserve and workers compensation insurance, \$50,000.00 for marketing, \$50,000.00 for bridges, any unexpended portion of which will be reserved to subsequent years for that purpose.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 2. Shall the bonds of the Town of Bennington in an amount not to exceed \$9.5 million be issued for the purpose of replacing lead service lines throughout the Town such monies expended to be fully reimbursed from State and Federal grant funds?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters assess a 1% local option tax as provided in Section 511 (a) of the Bennington Town Charter

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| 1. A one percent meals tax; | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. A one percent rooms tax; | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. A one percent alcoholic beverage tax; and | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. A one percent sales tax? | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Bennington join the Southern Vermont Communications Union District?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Project Against Violent Encounters?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$5,500.00 for Green Mountain Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$6,750.00 for BROCC - Community Action In Southwestern Vermont?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$7,000.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$10,000.00 for The Tutorial Center?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$11,000.00 for Bennington Project Independence?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$12,500.00 for Bennington Free Clinic?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$15,000.00 for Sunrise Family Resource Center?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$21,600.00 for VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

YES
NO

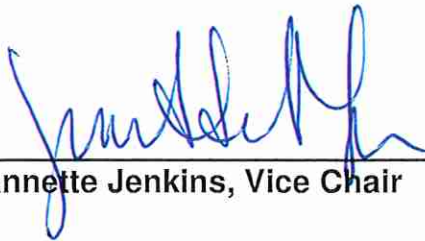
ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2021 General Fund by the sum of \$25,000.00 for Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?

YES
NO

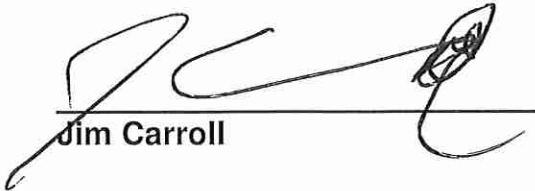
BY THE SELECT BOARD



Donald Campbell, Chair



Jeannette Jenkins, Vice Chair



Jim Carroll



Jeanne Conner



Chad Gordon



Bruce Lee-Clark

William Scully

Dated at Bennington, Vermont this 27th day of January 2020.