

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

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)

- CHRIS BATES
- MIKE BETHEL
- JIM CARROLL
- TINA COOK
- GARY J. COREY
- COLLEEN HARRINGTON
- KEVIN HOYT
- NANCY WHITE
-
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

FOR SELECT BOARD

1-year unexpired term
(Vote for not more than ONE)

- MIKE BETHEL
- PHILLIP GUERARD
- TOM HALEY
- COLLEEN HARRINGTON
- KEVIN HOYT
-
- (Write-in)

FOR TOWN CLERK

(Vote for not more than ONE)

- CASSANDRA BARBEAU
-
- (Write-in)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1

Shall the Town appropriate for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the total sum of \$14,275,440.00 consisting of the following: \$4,148,910.00 for the laying out, maintaining, and repairing of the highways and bridges of the Town; and \$10,126,530.00 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 \$25,000.00 for fire equipment, \$5,000.00 for fire facilities, \$13,000.00 for parking improvements, \$400,680.00 for healthcare reserve and workers compensation insurance, \$40,000.00 for marketing, \$100,000.00 for bridges and \$2,000.00 for well maintenance, any unexpended portion of which will be reserved to subsequent years for that purpose.

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town of Bennington add \$0.01 to the General Fund tax rate for the purpose of creating a reserve to support Parks, so Designated as "A Penny for Parks"?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 3

\$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 Select board'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 for a three-year term. 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 veto any action of the Select board.
(d) The Select board shall have the authority to override the mayor's veto by a vote of five members of the board taken at a regular meeting. Within 30 days of the vote to override, voters may petition for a binding referendum on the issue by a petition signed by five percent of the voters. At a special meeting held within 60 days of the receipt of the petition, the voters shall decide whether to uphold the mayor's veto.
(e) The compensation for the mayor shall be set by the Select board based on comparable salaries and benefits for a town manager.
(f) The mayor shall serve as the voice of the Town of Bennington, taking responsibility for implementing the policies of the Select board, leading the Town toward greater prosperity and a healthy economy, and a better life for all its residents.

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863? "Cannabis retailer" means a person licensed by the state Cannabis Control Board to sell cannabis and cannabis products to adults 21 years of age and older for off-site consumption.

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 5

Shall the town authorize integrated licensees in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863? "Integrated licensee" means a person licensed by the state Cannabis Control Board to engage in the activities of a cultivator, wholesaler, product manufacturer, retailer, and testing laboratory in accordance with state law.

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 6

Shall the voters decrease the Select Board's pay by \$100.00 to \$1,300.00 annually?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 7

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 8

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$5,000.00 for Project Against Violent Encounters?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 9

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$5,500.00 for Green Mountain Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 10

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$6,750.00 for BROCC - Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 11

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$7,000.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLE 12

Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$7,500.00 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?

- YES
- NO

ARTICLES CONTINUED

<p align="center">ARTICLE 13</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 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 15</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$12,500.00 for Bennington Free Clinic?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE 17</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 General Fund by the sum of \$21,600.00 for VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?</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. 2022 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 16</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 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 18</p> <p>Shall the voters increase the F.Y. 2022 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
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

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<p align="center">ARTICLE A: FOR SVRTSD DIRECTOR</p> <p align="center"><small>(Vote for not more than FOUR)</small></p> <p>JAMAR BIVENS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL CUTLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID "DREW" DUGHI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ASHER EDELSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JACKIE KELLY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>EDWARD LETOURNEAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MIKE MUNSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA REED <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ANTHONY "TJ" WILLIAMS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/></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 \$4,073,500 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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VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT