

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Calais are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Elementary School on Tuesday, the third day of March A.D. 2015, to transact the following business and to vote by Australian ballot from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on those Articles so noted. The School Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and Town Meeting will start at 10:15 a.m.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by Australian ballot all town and school officers so required, including two members for the selectboard, two auditors, a lister, two Calais Elementary School directors, one U-32 school director.

ARTICLE 3. To provide the opportunity to ask questions regarding the reports in the town report, including but not limited to the Cemetery Commission, Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and Selectboard.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,300,028 of which \$1,001,053 shall be raised by taxes and \$298,975 by non-tax revenue? See "FY2016 Tax Request and Estimated Tax Rate" page in the town report for the expense and income figures making up this request. Additional monies appropriated in the Warning articles are in addition to these expenditures.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$2,700 for the Calais Swim Program.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for the first phase of a two-phase natural resource inventory to identify the town's significant natural resources to support the planning process.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the ensuing tax year, to be transferred to the reserve fund established pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 2804 for conservation and other lawful purposes of the fund.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$17,000, contingent on the awarding of a structures grant from the State of Vermont, for construction of the North Calais retaining wall. The total estimated project cost is \$170,000 with the State paying 90% and the town paying 10%.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$22,500, contingent on the awarding of a Town Highway Class 2 Grant from the State of Vermont, for paving the final 1.1 mile of the County Road. The total estimated project cost is \$225,000 with the State paying 90% and the town paying 10%.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to apply any highway fund balance at the end of the fiscal year to the "Calais Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund" and do so each year until the voters of the town vote otherwise.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be deposited to the “Calais Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund.”

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to purchase a six-wheel truck, at a cost not to exceed \$165,000 to be financed over a period of five years, to replace the seven-year-old six-wheel truck.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to purchase a used ¾ ton 4x4 pickup with plow, at a cost not to exceed \$35,000, to be financed over five years.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will authorize the selectboard to use \$25,000 of the Calais Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund to pay for fiscal year 2016 heavy equipment purchase and loans (budget line #5016).

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be deposited into the Town Office and Town Hall Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for cemetery special projects, to include trimming the hedge at Fairview Cemetery and the cleaning and repair of monuments.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$9,000 for a professional audit.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$25,760 for the Kellogg Hubbard Library for its operating expenses.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to have all property taxes paid to the treasurer, as provided by law and without discount, in two equal installments as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 4:00 p.m. 30 days after the tax bills are mailed, but not earlier than August 1, 2015, and the second installment will be due on or before 4:00 p.m. on November 16, 2015.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to institute a grace period after the established due dates of payments of property taxes as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(B). The grace period for the first payment will be two weeks after the due date. The grace period for the second payment will extend through November 30, 2015.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will spend \$3,000 to print, publish and mail two editions of the Calais Lakes and Streams Committee newsletter in calendar year 2015.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will appropriate the sums of money requested by the following organizations in Calais and the Central Vermont area, as follows:

Calais Community Connections	\$1,000
Central Vermont Basic Education	\$1,000
Central Vermont Community Action Council	\$ 300
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$1,400
Central Vermont Economic Development Corp	\$ 500
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice	\$3,000
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 800
Circle (formerly Battered Womens Services)	\$ 700
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
Friends of Winooski River	\$ 300
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 859
Greenup Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 400
Montpelier Senior Center	\$3,200
Old West Church Association	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic	\$1,500
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 200
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$2,000
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$ 650
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 415
Washington Country Diversion Program	\$ 150
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 500
Woodbury/Calais Foodshelf	<u>\$ 500</u>
TOTAL	\$20,374

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited to the “Calais/East Montpelier Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund” for the Calais portion of future fire department equipment purchases in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804(a).

ARTICLE 24. Shall the town authorize the selectboard to appoint the delinquent tax collector to a one-year term as allowed under 17 V.S.A. § 2651(d)?

ARTICLE 25. To elect all other necessary officials for the year ensuing, including a collector of delinquent taxes, a law agent, a town grand juror, a trustee of public funds, a cemetery commissioner and an agent to convey real estate. (The *delinquent tax collector* notifies taxpayers when taxes are overdue, makes arrangements for late payments, takes formal collection actions and keeps records of all delinquent accounts. The *law agent* assists in litigation at the request of the selectboard. The *town grand juror* helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to law enforcement officials. The *trustees of public funds* are responsible for managing public funds, specifically cemetery funds. *Cemetery commissioners* are responsible for the care and management of cemeteries. Real estate owned by the town may be conveyed by an *agent* elected for that purpose.)

ARTICLE 26. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 27. To adjourn the meeting.

Dated at Calais this 26th day of January by Calais Selectboard:

Denise Wheeler, Chair, John Brabant, Vice Chair, Scott Bassage, Rose Pelchuck, Toby Talbot

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Attest, Donna E. Fitch, Town Clerk