

Calais Town Warning
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Calais are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Elementary School on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., following the conclusion of the school meeting which begins at 8:00 a.m., to transact the following business from the floor. Polls for Australian ballot voting on the Articles so indicated will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Calais Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To ask questions about the reports of town boards and officers.

ARTICLE 3. To elect the following Town officers from the floor:

Agent to Convey Real Estate	1-year term
Law Agent	1-year term
Grand Juror	1-year term
Trustee of Public Funds	3-year term
Cemetery Commissioner	5-year term

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,525,150 of which \$1,224,815 shall be raised by taxes and \$300,335 by non-tax revenue?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$27,132 for the Kellogg Hubbard Library for its operating expenses?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$49,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Town cemeteries?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate the indicated sums as requested by the following organizations in Calais and the Central Vermont area, as follows:

Calais Community Connections	\$1,000
Capstone Community Action	\$ 300
Central Vermont Basic Education	\$1,000
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$1,400
Central Vermont Development Corp	\$ 500
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice	\$3,200
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 800
Circle (Formerly Battered Women's Services & Shelter)	\$ 700

Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
Friends of Winooski River	\$ 300
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 859
Greenup Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 600
Montpelier Senior Center	\$4,300
Old West Church	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic	\$1,500
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 200
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$3,000
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$ 650
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 415
Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 300
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 500
Woodbury/Calais Foodshelf	\$ 380
Washington County Mental Health Services	<u>\$1,400</u>
TOTAL	\$24,304

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters exempt from taxation real property of the Adamant Cooperative, Inc., for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a term not to exceed five years, for continued renovation of the Calais Town Hall?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in two equal installments, with the first installment due on or before 4:00 p.m. 30 days after the tax bills are mailed, but not earlier than August 1, 2018, and the second installment due on or before 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2018?

ARTICLE 11: Shall each property tax installment payment be made by delivery to the Treasurer by 4:00 p.m. on or before the due date or U.S. Postal Service postmark made on or before the due date?

ARTICLE 12. Shall interest in the amount of 0.5% per month or fraction thereof, be charged from the due date of each property tax installment?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town allow a grace period of 14 days after the due date of the second property tax installment payment, during which no delinquent tax penalty shall be charged?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the delinquent tax penalty be set at 4.5% of the total amount of the delinquent tax?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town compensate the Collector of Delinquent Taxes by a salary, determined by the Selectboard, in lieu of compensation by the delinquent tax penalty?

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Calais enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82?

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Calais appropriate \$31,448 to purchase a wood chipper contingent upon the receipt of \$10,000 in grant monies, for a total cost of \$41,448?

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters adopt the following Calais Climate Resolution? Whereas extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugarers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and whereas the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal; Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized people, or rural communities.
2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
 - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools;
 - c. Enlisting state support to install solar for town and school buildings;
 - d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping us reduce overall energy use.

The following Articles will be voted by Australian Ballot:

ARTICLE 20. To elect the following Town officers by Australian ballot:

Selectboard Member	3-year term
Selectboard Member	2-year term
Selectboard Member	2-year term
Elementary School Director	3-year term
Elementary School Director	2-year term
Union 32 Middle & High School Director	3-year term
Lister	3-year term

Dated at Calais this 29th day of January, 2018 by the Calais Selectboard:

Denise Wheeler, *Chair*

John Brabant, *Vice Chair*

Rose Pelchuck

Sharon Winn Fannon

Clif Emmons