

## RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2024

### ARTICLES VOTED FROM THE FLOOR:

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Elected: Gus Seelig, voice vote

**Article 2.** To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

**Article 3.** To elect the following town officials:

- Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term (expires 2027) Elected: Scott Grzankowski, voice vote
- Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term (expires 2029) Elected: Michael Fullerton, voice vote

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,693,548, of which \$1,367,718 shall be raised by taxes and \$325,830 by non-tax revenue? Passed by voice vote

**Article 5.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the operation and maintenance of cemeteries? Passed by voice vote

**Article 6.** Shall the voters appropriate \$33,220 for library services provided through the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? Passed by voice vote

**Article 7.** Shall the voters appropriate the total sum of \$30,377, to meet the amounts requested by the following organizations in the Calais and the Central Vermont area, which organizations provide social services for the benefit of Calais residents, such amounts being reasonably necessary for the support thereof:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$1,000
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$1,400
Central Vermont Economic Development Corp.	\$ 500
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice	\$4,150
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 800
Circle (formerly Battered Women's Shelter)	\$ 700
Community Connections	\$1,000
Community Harvest of Central VT	\$ 350
Elevate Youth Services (formerly Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys & Girls Club)	\$ 500
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 400
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$ 300
Good Samaritan Haven	\$1,500
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 859
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	\$5,300
Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	\$ 200
Old West Church Association	\$ 500
OUR House of Central Vermont	\$ 250
People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$1,500
Rural Community Transportation	\$ 975
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$3,500

VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$ 650	
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 800	
Washington Central Friends of Education (dba Youth First Mentoring)	\$ 800	
Washington County Mental Health Services	\$1,400	
Woodbury/Calais Food Shelf	\$ 443	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,377</b>	<b><u>Passed by voice vote</u></b>

**Article 8.** Shall the voters establish a reserve fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard, to be known as the Emergency Measures Reserve Fund, for the purpose of purchasing services and supplies in the event of a town emergency? Passed by voice vote

**Article 9.** Shall the voters approve a \$1,000 appropriation to the Emergency Measures Reserve Fund? Passed by voice vote

**Article 10.** Shall the voters authorize the payment of property taxes in two equal installments, with the first installment due on or before 4 p.m. on a date that falls not less than 30 days after the tax bills are mailed, but not earlier than September 1, 2024, and the second installment due on or before 4 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2024? Passed by voice vote

**Article 11.** Shall each property tax installment payment be made via one of the following options:

- 1) by delivery to the Treasurer by 4 p.m. on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 10
- 2) by U.S. Postal Service, with postmark on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 10; or
- 3) by credit card payment via [www.calaisvermont.gov](http://www.calaisvermont.gov) by 4 p.m. on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 10? Passed by voice vote

**Article 12.** Shall interest in the amount of 0.5% per month or any part of a month, be charged on unpaid taxes? Passed by voice vote

**Article 13.** Shall a delinquent tax penalty be set at 8% of the total amount of the 2024 delinquent tax? Passed by voice vote

**Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate \$69,987 to fund the operating expenses of the East Montpelier Fire Department, to be paid in quarterly installments starting July 1, 2024? Passed by voice vote

**Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate \$141,903 to fund the operating expenses of the East Montpelier Ambulance, to be paid in quarterly installments starting July 1, 2024? Passed by voice vote

**Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate \$17,850.00 to the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department to be added to the Department's Truck Replacement Fund, to be paid July 01, 2024? Passed by voice vote

**Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate \$77,895.27 to fund the operations of the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department, including \$32,000.00 to be paid to the Capital Replacement Fund by January 01, 2025, and \$45,895.27 to be paid in quarterly installments (\$11,473.82 each) to cover operating expenses, starting July 01, 2024? Passed by voice vote

**Article 18.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to apply any Highway Department fund balance at the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and do so each year until the voters vote otherwise? *Passed by voice vote*

**Article 19.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**ARTICLES VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:**

**Article 20.** To elect the following town officials by Australian ballot:

- Selectboard Member                      3-year term (expires 2025) *Elected: Anne Winchester (471 votes)*
- Selectboard Member                      3-year term (expires 2027) *Elected: Jamie Moorby (481 votes)*
- Selectboard Member                      2-year term(expires 2026) *Elected: Donny Mucherino (453 votes)*
- Lister    3-year term (expires 2027) *Elected: Wilson Hughes (459 votes)*

**Article 21.** Shall the Town of Calais Land Use and Development Regulations, adopted by the voters on March 1, 2005 and last amended on March 7,2017, be further amended as recommended to the voters after public hearings by the Calais Planning Commission on October 17, 2023, and the Calais Selectboard on January 8, 2024? *Approved by Australian Ballot (379 yes, 138 no)*

**Article 22:** Shall the bonds of the Town of Calais in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000) to be financed over a period not to exceed fifteen years be issued for the purpose of the planning, design and acquisition and equipping of a road grader for the Town of Calais? *Approved by Australian Ballot (475 yes, 83 no)*

ATTEST: *Teegan Dykeman-Brown*, Teegan Dykeman-Brown, Town Clerk

*Tuesday, March 12, 2024*