

ANNUAL MEETING WARNING
TOWN OF CALAIS, VERMONT
Public Informational Hearing February 26, 2024
Annual Meeting March 5, 2024

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 IN-PERSON AND VIA REMOTE ACCESS

The legal voters of the Town of Calais are hereby warned and notified to meet in-person or remotely at the Calais Town Hall, 1662 Kent Hill Road, on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6 p.m. for a public informational hearing on the articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (Articles 20, 21, and 22, below). To join the meeting by Zoom, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82141865268>

ANNUAL MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 IN-PERSON

The legal voters of the Town of Calais are further warned and notified to meet in-person at the Calais Elementary School in Calais at 321 Lightening Ridge Rd on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to transact business from the floor on all articles listed below except Articles 20, 21, and 22, below, which will be voted upon by Australian ballot. Polls for Australian ballot voting on the Articles so indicated will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024, at the Calais Elementary School, 321 Lightening Ridge Road.

The public is welcome to observe the meeting by Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85804157698?pwd=RkR5S1JLUzRza01zV2lJTzg4eVNuZz09>.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED FROM THE FLOOR:

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

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)
- Cemetery Commissioner 5-year term (expires 2029)

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?

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

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

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	<u>\$ 443</u>
TOTAL	\$30,377

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?

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

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?

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 by 4 p.m. on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 10?

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

Article 13. Shall a delinquent tax penalty be set at 8% of the total amount of the 2024 delinquent tax?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

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

- Selectboard Member 3-year term (expires 2025)
- Selectboard Member 3-year term (expires 2027)
- Selectboard Member 2-year term (expires 2026)
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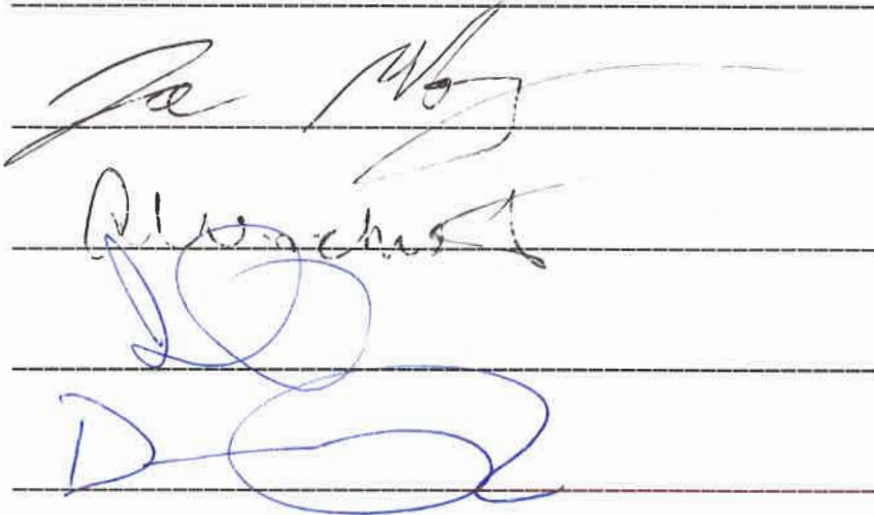
Article 21. Shall the Town of Calais Land Use and Development Regulations, adopted by the voters on March 1, 2005 and last amended on March 7, 2017, be further amended as recommended to the voters after public hearings by the Calais Planning Commission on October 17, 2023, and the Calais Selectboard on January 8, 2024?

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?


The legal voters of the Town of Calais are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Calais, Vermont, this 22nd day of January, 2024.

Selectboard Signatures

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink on lined paper. The first signature is a cursive 'P. M.' followed by a horizontal line. The second signature is 'D. W. ...' with a large loop. The third signature is 'D. ...' with a large loop.

Recorded and posted at Calais, Vermont, this 23rd day of January, 2024.

ATTEST: , Teegan Dykeman-Brown, Town Clerk

Posted at: