

Warning

Town of Calais Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Calais are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., following the conclusion of the school district update which begins at 9:00 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, 321 Lightening Ridge Road.

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:

Town Agent	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 \$1,661,574 of which \$1,354,449 shall be raised by taxes and \$307,125 by non-tax revenue?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$49,400 for the operation and maintenance of the Town cemeteries?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$18,500, for a term not to exceed three years, for the purchase of a new Town Office server?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to paint the exterior of the Town Hall?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for a term not to exceed four years, for the purchase of a used wood chipper?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$27,132 for the Kellogg Hubbard Library for its operating expenses?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters appropriate the indicated sums as requested by the following organizations in Calais and the Central Vermont area:

Calais Community Connections	\$1,000
Central Vermont Basic Education	\$1,000
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$1,400
Central Vermont Development Corp	\$ 500
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice	\$3,600
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
Montpelier Senior Center	\$4,900
Old West Church	\$ 200
Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic	\$1,500
Rural Community Transportation	\$ 975
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 200
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$3,000
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$ 650
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 800
Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 300
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 500
Woodbury/Calais Foodshelf	\$ 529
Washington County Mental Health Services	<u>\$1,400</u>

TOTAL \$26,013

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in two equal installments, with the due date of the first installment on or before 4:00 p.m. on a date that falls not less than 30 days after the tax bills are mailed, but not earlier than Monday, August 3, 2020, and the due date of the second installment shall be on or before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020?

ARTICLE 12. Shall each property tax installment payment be made via one of the following three options:

- 1) by delivery to the Treasurer by 4:00 p.m. on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 11
- 2) by U.S. Postal Service, with postmark on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 11; or
- 3) by credit card payment via www.calaisvermont.gov, by 4:00 p.m. on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 11?

ARTICLE 13. Shall interest in the amount of 0.5% per month or any part of a month, be charged on unpaid taxes?

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town allow an interest-free grace period of seven (7) calendar days following each due date as set forth in Article 11 during which no interest shall be charged?

ARTICLE 15. Shall a delinquent tax penalty be set at 4.5% of the total amount of the 2020 delinquent tax?

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town allow a penalty-free grace period of seven (7) calendar days after Monday, November 16, 2020, during which no delinquent tax penalty shall be charged?

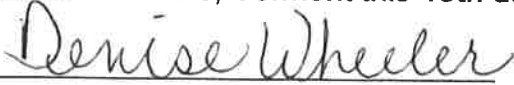
ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters authorize a reserve fund under 24 VSA § 2804 known as the Conservation Fund to be used to acquire real property or other rights or interests in real property, and undertake other activities consistent with the purposes of 10 VSA Chapter 155 and 24 VSA Chapter 118, as well as preserve historic resources and provide education and public outreach to promote natural resource conservation? Detailed guidelines for the use of the Conservation Fund money shall be proposed by the Conservation Commission and adopted by the Selectboard, after public hearings.


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

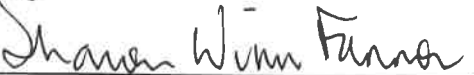
ARTICLE 19. To elect the following Town Officers by Australian ballot:

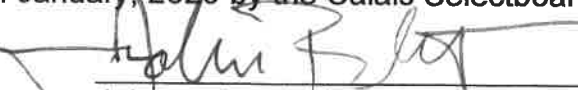
Selectboard member	3 year term
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Lister	3 year term
Town Clerk	3 year term

Dated at Calais, Vermont this 13th day of January, 2020 by the Calais Selectboard:


Denise Wheeler, Chair


Rose Pelchuck


Sharon Winn Fannon


John Brabant, Vice Chair


Clif Emmons