



TOWN OF CALAIS

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Calais Town Meeting March 3, 2026 Certificate of Votes

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

Article 2. To discuss and accept the reports of the Town Officers. *Approved*

Article 3. To elect the following town officers:

- Trustee of Public Funds 3-yr term (expires 2029) *Elected: Rod Buck*
- Cemetery Commission 3-yr term (expires 2031) *Elected: Laura Dailey*

Article 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,883,054.27 of which it is estimated \$1,529,709.27 will be raised by taxes and \$353,345.00 will be raised by non-tax revenue? *Treasurer Kari Bradley moved to amend to increase total expenditures to \$1,883,254.27 and tax revenue to \$1,529,909.27 as the listed amount was an error. Motion with amendment was passed.*

Article 5. Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,405.00 for the operation and maintenance of the cemeteries? *Approved*

Article 6. Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to fund the Cemetery Fence and Infrastructure Fund? *Approved*

Article 7. Shall the voters raise and appropriate \$34,881.00 for library services provided through the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? *Article was amended to reflect the originally requested amount of \$35,927.00. Amended article was approved*

Article 8. Shall the voters raise and appropriate the total sum of \$31,649.00 to meet the amounts requested by the following organizations in the Calais and Central Vermont areas, which organizations provide social services for the benefit of Calais residents, such amounts being reasonably necessary for the support thereof: *Approved*

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| Calais Historical Society | \$300 |
| Central Vermont Adult Education | \$1,000 |
| Central Vermont Council on Aging | \$1,400 |
| Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation | \$500 |
| Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice | \$4,150 |
| Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center | \$800 |
| Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services & Shelter) | \$700 |
| Community Connections | \$1,000 |
| Community Harvest of Central Vermont | \$350 |
| Elevate Youth Services (formerly WCYSB/Boys & Girls Club) | \$500 |
| Family Center of Washington County | \$500 |
| Friends of the Winooski River | \$500 |
| Good Beginnings of Central Vermont | \$450 |
| Good Samaritan Haven | \$1,500 |
| Green Mountain Transit | \$859 |

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| Green Up Vermont | \$100 |
| Montpelier Senior Activity Center | \$4,000 |
| Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team) | \$200 |
| Old West Church Association | \$500 |
| OUR House of Central Vermont | \$250 |
| Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic | \$1,500 |
| Prevent Child Abuse Vermont | \$500 |
| Twin Valley Senior Center | \$5,000 |
| Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired | \$650 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$800 |
| Washington County Mental Health Services | \$1,400 |
| Window Dressers | \$400 |
| Woodbury/Calais Foodshelf | \$1,040 |
| Youth First Mentoring / WCFE | \$800 |
| TOTAL | \$31,649.00 |

Article 9. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804, to be known as the “Real Estate Acquisition Fund,” for the purpose of acquiring real estate to benefit the town? *Approved*

Article 10. Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to fund the Real Estate Acquisition Fund? *Article was amended to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 via surplus or general fund balance, not new taxation. Amended article was approved.*

Article 11. Shall the voters authorize the payment of property taxes in two (2) equal installments, with the first installment due on or before 4:00 pm on a date that falls not less than 30 days after the tax bills are mailed but not earlier than September 1, 2026, and with the second installment due on or before 4:00 pm on Monday, November 16, 2026? *Approved*

Article 12. Shall each property tax installment payment be made via one (1) of the following options: *Approved*

- 1) By delivery to the Town Treasurer by 4:00 pm on the due dates,
- 2) By U.S. Postal Service or other courier, with delivery to the Town Treasurer by 4:00 pm on the due dates,
- 3) By credit card payment via www.calaisvermont.gov by 4:00 pm on the due dates, or
- 4) By ACH direct debit by the due dates?

Article 13. Shall interest in the amount of 0.5% per month, or fraction of a month, be charged on unpaid taxes from the due date of each installment, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4873? *Approved*

Article 14. Shall the voters set the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date for payments to 8.0%? *Approved*

Article 15. Shall the voters raise and appropriate \$66,168.00 to fund the operating expenses of the East Montpelier Fire Department, paid in quarterly installments starting July 1, 2026? *Approved*

Article 16. Shall the voters raise and appropriate \$154,637.00 to fund the operating expenses of the East Montpelier Ambulance, paid in quarterly installments starting July 1, 2026? *Approved*

Article 17. Shall the voters raise and appropriate \$24,888.00 to be contributed to the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department for purposes of a truck loan payment in the amount of \$23,888.00 and to fund the truck maintenance reserve in the amount of \$1,000.00, both to be paid in full by July 1, 2026? *Approved*

Article 18. Shall the voters raise and appropriate \$85,145.57 to be contributed to the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department, consisting of (i) \$35,000.00 to fund the Capital Replacement Fund, which shall be paid in full by January 1, 2027, and (ii) \$50,145.57 for operating expenses, which shall be paid in quarterly installments (\$12,536.40), starting July 1, 2026? **Approved**

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
Non-binding motion asking selectboard to advise Washington County School Board to keep pre-k thru k in Calais. **Approved**

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

Town Clerk (3-year term):

Teegan Dykeman-Brown: 545 votes

Write-ins:

Kari Bradley: 1 vote
David Ellenbogen: 1 vote

Doug Lilley: 1 vote
Denise Wheeler: 1 vote

Selectboard (3-year term):

Jordan Keyes: 474 votes

Write-ins:

Denise Wheeler: 3 votes
Tyler Austin: 1 vote
John Brabant: 1 vote
Dillon Burns: 1 vote
Leo Cioffi: 1 vote
Fletcher Dean: 1 vote

Gail Graham: 1 vote
Paul Olander: 1 vote
Jarrod Weiss: 1 vote
Michael Woodfield: 1 vote

Selectboard (2-year term):

William Davis: 503 votes

Write-ins:

Dillon Burns: 1 vote
Robin Chase: 1 vote
Leo Cioffi: 1 vote
Chris Cochran: 1 vote

Charlotte Hanna: 1 vote
Paul Olander: 1 vote
Don Singleton Jr: 1 vote
Denise Wheeler: 1 vote

Lister (3-year term):

Toby Talbot: 501 votes

Write-ins:

Reese Hersey: 3 votes
Joe Bayne: 1 vote
John Brabant: 1 vote

Habib Meiloud: 1 vote
Angus Whitman: 1 vote

Many partially or entirely blank ballots were submitted.

Absentee/Early Ballots Received: 303
Election Day Ballots Received: 288
Total Ballots Cast: 591

Total Number of Calais Voters: 1,448
Electorate Participation: 40.8%

Respectfully submitted by Teegan Dykeman-Brown, Town Clerk

