

WARNING
TOWN OF CALAIS ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Calais are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Elementary School on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., following the conclusion of the school meeting 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.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of Town boards and officers.

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

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

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,579,980 of which \$1,259,100 shall be raised by taxes and \$320,880 by non-tax revenue?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$25,760 for the Kellogg Hubbard Library for its operating expenses?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,607 for the Cross Vermont Trail's Winooski Bridge Project?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,400 as matching funds for a grant to identify opportunities in East Calais Village and create a practical action plan to increase economic activity through public visioning, greater use of community assets, safer bicycle and pedestrian pathways, historic trails, improved parking, and links along Vt. Rte. 14?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters appropriate the indicated sums as requested by the following organizations in Calais and the Central Vermont area, as follows:

Adamant Community Club	\$3,000
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	\$ 700

Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
Friends of Winooski River	\$ 300
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 859
Greenup Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 600
Montpelier Senior Center	\$3,200
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	\$ 300
Washington County Mental Health Services	<u>\$1,400</u>
 TOTAL	 \$26,124

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$281,789, for a term not to exceed five years, for the purpose of retiring the FY 2015 and FY 2016 budget deficits?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a term not to exceed five years, for the purchase of a used excavator and a new trailer for that excavator?

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters exempt from taxation real property of the Maple Corner Community Center, Inc., for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters exempt from taxation real property of the Calais Community Recreation Association, Inc., for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters exempt from taxation real property of the Adamant Community Club, Inc., for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters exempt from taxation real property of the Aldrich Memorial Association, Inc., for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

ARTICLE 15. Shall property taxes be paid to the Treasurer, as provided by law and without discount, in two equal installments, as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 4:00 p.m. 30 days after the tax bills are mailed, but not earlier than August 1, 2017, and the second installment will be due on or before 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2017.

ARTICLE 16. Shall a grace period be established after the property tax due dates of payments of property taxes as provided in 32 V.S.A. §1674(3)(B)? The grace period for the first payment will be two weeks after the due date. The grace period for the second payment will extend through

November 29, 2017. Taxes become delinquent on November 30, 2017, and a 7% penalty is applied.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Calais be a Town of Sanctuary for refugees and asylum-seekers and not participate in Federal efforts to deport undocumented immigrants?

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

The following Articles will be voted by Australian Ballot:

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

Selectboard Member	Balance of 2-year term (1 year)
Selectboard Member	3 year term
Selectboard Member	2 year term
Auditor	3 - year term
Auditor	Balance of 3-year term (2 years)
Auditor	Balance of 3-year term (1 year)
Lister	3 - year term
Town Clerk	3 - year term
Treasurer	3 - year term

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of Calais Land Use and Development Regulations which were adopted by the voters of the Town on March 1, 2005 and last amended on March 4, 2014 be further amended as recommended to the voters after public hearings by the Calais Planning Commission on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and by the Calais Selectboard on Monday, December 19, 2016?

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town approve, and submit to the Vermont General Assembly for enactment, the municipal charter proposed by the Selectboard? The proposed municipal charter is available for inspection at the Calais Town Office during regular office hours and on the Town's website at www.calaisvermont.gov

Dated at Calais this 25th day of January, 2017 by the Calais Selectboard:

Denise Wheeler, Chair



John Brabant, Vice Chair



Scott Bassage



Rose Pelchuck



Toby Talbot