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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
MANCHESTER, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022

BALLOT 1 OF 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

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ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$6,255,519 to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, of which \$3,477,389 shall be raised by property taxes and \$2,778,130 by non-property tax revenues (including \$1,380,000 in local option tax revenues); provided, that in the event that local option revenues are less than \$1,380,000, funds from the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund may be used to offset the shortfall in local option revenues?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town vote to charge the maximum interest and penalty allowed by law on overdue unpaid real property taxes (and provide no discount for early payment), with payments delivered in person at Town Hall, or by U.S. Mail (must be postmarked by the due date), due in two installments, as follows:

YES

NO

1st Installment: Friday, September 2, 2022 at 4:30PM: 45% of town taxes and 60% of school taxes
2nd Installment: Friday, February 3, 2023 at 4:30PM: 55% of town taxes and 40% of school taxes?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to authorize cannabis retailers in the town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863? "Cannabis retailer" means a person licensed by the state cannabis control board to sell cannabis and cannabis products to adults 21 years and older for off-site consumption?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to authorize up to \$120,000 from the Capital Improvement Contingency Reserve (CIRC) Fund to purchase land from the Old Railroad Bed, LLC (parcel 11-20-59.01) and all improvements to the parcel, including bridges and trails, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a public recreation trail; and furthermore, shall the Town vote to authorize up to \$50,000 from CIRC Fund for certain improvements to the recreation trail between the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park and North Road, including on parcel 11-20-59.01?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize up to \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Contingency Reserve (CIRC) Fund for the purpose of completing the Manchester skatepark at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town vote to support the concept of a regional field house at the Dana Thompson Memorial Park in Manchester, with the understanding that regional towns would participate in its construction costs under a formula based on a combination of grand list, population and distance, in exchange for a special use status for those who live or own a second residence in the Town? *Advisory, non-binding article.*

YES

NO

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town vote to establish a new wastewater (sewer) district in the Town of Manchester to generally include lands along Route 7A / Main Street from Cemetery Avenue to North Road, and as further defined through regulations approved by the Board of Sewer Commissioners?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 8. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Manchester in an amount not to exceed One Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars [\$1,900,000], subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of expanding the public wastewater (sewer) system along Route 7A / Main Street from approximately Cemetery Avenue to north of Hunter Park Road, the estimated cost of such improvements being One Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars [\$1,900,000]?

YES

NO

ARTICLE 9. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Manchester in an amount not to exceed One Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars [\$1,270,000], subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making public water system supply, transmission and distribution improvements, including replacement of the Richville Road Water Main, the estimated cost of such improvements being One Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars [\$1,270,000]?

YES

NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Articles 10 through 24 are under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 2691 and § 2692. Shall the Town vote to appropriate general funds to social service agencies?

ARTICLE 10. To appropriate \$243,740 to the Manchester Community Library?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 11. To appropriate \$87,000 to Northshire Day School?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 12. To appropriate \$10,000 to the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 13. To appropriate \$4,000 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 14. To appropriate \$2,500 to the Tutorial Center?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 15. To appropriate \$2,400 to Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 16. To appropriate \$2,000 to Greater Northshire Access Television?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 17. To appropriate \$2,000 to Center for Restorative Justice?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 18. To appropriate \$1,850 to Project Against Violent Encounters?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 19. To appropriate \$1,811 to Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 20. To appropriate \$1,500 to Retired Senior Volunteer Program?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 21. To appropriate \$1,500 to Neighbor to Neighbor?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 22. To appropriate \$1,000 to The Collaborative?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 23. To appropriate \$500 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 24. To appropriate \$420 to Vermont Center for Independent Living?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 25. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.		

<p align="center">FOR MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than one</p> <p>1 year term</p> <p>W. MICHAEL NAWRATH</p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR SELECTBOARD</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than one</p> <p>3 year term</p> <p>GREG CUTLER</p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than one</p> <p>3 year term</p> <p>ANDREW SHAW</p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">FOR SELECTBOARD</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than one</p> <p>2 year term</p> <p>LAURIE A. KUNZ</p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>		

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