

WARNING

TOWN OF MANCHESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (2023)

The legal voters of the Town of Manchester, Vermont are hereby notified and warned that the Town will hold an annual meeting that will commence at the Manchester Elementary-Middle School gymnasium (80 Memorial Ave.) on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. to transact any business not involving Australian ballot voting. The meeting will then adjourn until Tuesday, March 7, 2023 on which date the polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.. at the Manchester Town Offices (40 Jeff Williams Way) to vote by Australian ballot.

Town of Manchester Floor Meeting:

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$6,935,231 to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, of which \$3,923,218 shall be raised by property taxes and \$3,012,013 by non-property tax revenues (including \$1,375,000 in local option tax revenues); provided, that in the event that local option revenues are less than \$1,375,000, funds from the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund may be used to offset the shortfall in local option revenues?

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:

- 1st Installment: Friday, September 1, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.: 45% of the town taxes and 60% of the school taxes;
- 2nd Installment: Friday, February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.: 55% of the town taxes and 40% of the school taxes

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town authorize up to \$260,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve and Contingency (CIRC) Fund for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck for the Department of Public Works? All funds borrowed to be repaid over a six-year period.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to support up to \$95,000.00 to be allocated from Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds or non-taxpayer, municipal reserve or state or federal grant funds for the construction of the ADA compliant Manchester Riverwalk Pedestrian Bridge? Such funds would match private funds raised for the project. *Advisory; non-binding article.*

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, the real estate of the Manchester Rod and Gun Club located at 487 Recreation Park Road in the Town of Manchester?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, the real estate of the Eagles, Fraternal Order of Battenkill Aerie # 2551 located at 1610 Depot Street in the Town of Manchester?

Articles 7 through 17 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 7: To appropriate \$2,500 to the Tutorial Center?

ARTICLE 8: To appropriate \$2,400 to Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

ARTICLE 9: To appropriate \$2,000 to Greater Northshire Access Television?

ARTICLE 10: To appropriate \$2,000 to Center for Restorative Justice?

ARTICLE 11: To appropriate \$1,850 to Project Against Violent Encounters?

ARTICLE 12: To appropriate \$1,811 to Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

ARTICLE 13: To appropriate \$1,500 to Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program?

ARTICLE 14: To appropriate \$1,500 to Neighbor to Neighbor?

ARTICLE 15: To appropriate \$1,000 to The Collaborative?

ARTICLE 16: To appropriate \$500 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

ARTICLE 17: To appropriate \$420 to Vermont Center for Independent Living?

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business appropriate to come before Town Meeting.

Voting by ballot on March 7, 2023:

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,000 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000 for the support of VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town appropriate \$87,000 for the support of the Northshire Day School?

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$243,740 for the operating support of the Manchester Community Library?

ARTICLE 23. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.

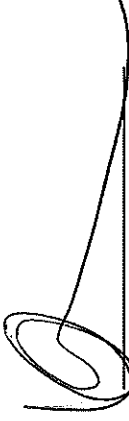
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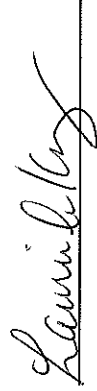
Ivan C. Beattie, Chair



Gregory T. Cutler, Vice-Chair



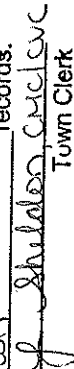
Heidi G. Chamberlain



Laurie A. Kunz



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Town records.
Attest:  Heidi G. Chamberlain
Town Clerk