

WARNING

TOWN OF MANCHESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (2021)

The legal voters of the Town of Manchester are hereby warned and notified to meet at Manchester Town Hall (40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center, Vermont 05255) on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$5,979,211 to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, of which \$3,318,311 shall be raised by property taxes and \$2,660,900 by non-property tax revenues (including \$1,170,000 in local option tax revenues); provided, that in the event that local option revenues are less than \$1,170,000, funds from the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund may be used to offset the deficit?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town vote to charge the maximum interest and penalty allowed by law on overdue unpaid real property taxes, 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 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.: 45% of the town taxes and 60% of the school taxes; and,

2nd Installment: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.: 55% of the town taxes and 40% of the school taxes?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement for the lease/purchase of a fire truck funded by the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund and not to exceed \$400,000, plus interest and fees, and financed over not more than seven years?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to support entering into an agreement with the Old Railroad Bed, LLC to purchase parcel 11-20-59.01 and improvements that include a trail at a future date, contingent upon obtaining funding for the purchase and improvements, permitting, easements and the Town Meeting votes necessary to purchase the parcel; and to pursue federal, state and other grant monies to support the purchase and development of the trail as a public asset; and to support establishing a subaccount in the recreation fund to solicit and accept donations for the purchase and development of the parcel and trail? (Advisory, non-binding)

ARTICLE 5. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Manchester in an amount not to exceed One Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars [\$1,100,000], subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid [estimated to be Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000)] be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making public water system supply, transmission and distribution improvements, including replacement of the Barnumville Road Water Main, the estimated cost of such improvements being One Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars [\$1,100,000]?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$50,000 to the Manchester Business Association to support marketing activities related to the Town and Village of Manchester in Fiscal Year 2022; and other functions associated with visitor and tourist services, as approved by the Selectboard; provided, that any funds authorized under this Article shall require an equal non-town match?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town vote to authorize up to \$20,000 from the Capital Improvement Contingency Reserve (CIRC) Fund to provide an additional match for a grant to construct a splash pad, an aquatic feature located near the Town swimming pool, at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town vote to authorize up to \$15,000 from the Capital Improvement Contingency Reserve (CIRC) Fund to provide a match for a grant to construct a crosswalk at the intersection of Bonnet Street and School Street?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town vote to authorize up to \$10,000 from the Capital Improvement Contingency Reserve (CIRC) Fund to match private funds raised by Troop 332 Boy Scouts for the construction of a pocket park at the intersection of Depot Street and Center Hill Road, on land owned by Green Mountain Power, and under license to the Town of Manchester?

Articles 10 through 23 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?

ARTICLE 11. To appropriate \$10,000 to the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

ARTICLE 12. To appropriate \$4,000 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

ARTICLE 13: To appropriate \$2,500 to the Tutorial Center?

ARTICLE 14: To appropriate \$2,400 to Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

ARTICLE 15: To appropriate \$2,000 to Greater Northshire Access Television?

ARTICLE 16: To appropriate \$2,000 to Center for Restorative Justice?

ARTICLE 17: To appropriate \$1,850 to Project Against Violent Encounters?

ARTICLE 18: To appropriate \$1,811 to Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

ARTICLE 19: To appropriate \$1,500 to Retired Senior Volunteer Program?

ARTICLE 20: To appropriate \$1,500 to Neighbor to Neighbor?

ARTICLE 21: To appropriate \$1,000 to The Collaborative?

ARTICLE 22: To appropriate \$500 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

ARTICLE 23: To appropriate \$420 to Vermont Center for Independent Living?

ARTICLE 24. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Warning adopted by the Manchester Selectboard on January 26, 2021:

Ivan C. Beattie, Chair

Heidi G. Chamberlain

Gregory T. Cutler

Todd W. Nebraska

Janet K. Nolan