

WARNING  
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in the said Town of Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian Ballot for Article 2 and 25. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
  - a. Select Board member 3-year term.
  - b. Select Board member 2-year term.
  - c. Lister 3-year term
  - d. Auditor 1 year of a 3-year term.
  - e. Auditor 2 year of a 3-year term.
  - f. Auditor 3-year term.
  - g. Planning Commission 1-year of a 2-year term.
  - b. Planning Commission 2-year term.
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement.
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. First Constable.
  - b. Second Constable.
  - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes
  - d. Grand Juror.
  - e. Town Agent
  - f. Cemetery Commissioner-5-year term.
  - g. Library Trustee- 3-year term
  - h. Trustee of Public Funds-3-year term.
  - i. Brigham Academy Committee Person-3-year term.
5. Shall the Town vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 2nd, 2023?
6. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted?
7. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 400,000.00 for ROAD WORK?
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 10,000.00 for a Paving/Grant Fund (Matching funds for Grants)?
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 10,000.00 for a BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 297,950.00 to defray the GENERAL EXPENSES of the Town?
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 5,000.00 for an outside audit for year ending 2028?
13. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 15,000.00 to the EQUIPMENT FUND?
14. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 26,050.00 for EQUIPMENT REPAIRS?
15. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 44,355.00 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2023?

16. Shall the Town authorize surplus funds in the amount of \$ 1297.02 from H.F. Brigham Free Public Library's 2022 operating fund, to be transferred to the Library's Improvement Fund?
17. Shall the town authorize surplus funds, in the amount of \$ 10,718.07 from H.F. Brigham Free Public Library's 2021 operating fund, to be transferred to the Library's Improvement Fund?
18. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 15,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery?
19. Shall the Town appropriate\$ 10,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society?
20. Shall the Town authorize the sum of \$ 500.00 to be paid to the Bakersfield Conservation Commission, for expenses: pollinator plants, trail signs, association membership, kiosk repair, fencing etc.?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Bakersfield authorize the Select Board to establish a reserve fund for a town-wide reappraisal in accordance with 25V.S.A 2804?
22. Shall the Town authorize remaining funds to be transferred from Grand List Fund to the Reappraisal Fund?
23. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Reappraisal Fund?
24. Shall the Town authorize \$ 5,000.00 for Fireworks for annual 4<sup>th</sup> celebration needs?
25. Shall the Town of Bakersfield adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A 2680)d)?
26. Shall the Town appropriate the following sums of money:
  - a. \$ 2,776.00 for the Franklin County Home Health?
  - b. \$ 1,527.60 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?
  - c. \$ 200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?
  - d. \$ 1,477.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission?
  - e. \$ 600.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?
  - f. \$500.00 for the American Red Cross?
  - g. \$ 100.00 for Green Up Vermont?
  - h. \$ 4,000.00 for the Fairfield Community Center?
  - i. \$ 100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?
  - j. \$ 95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?
  - k. \$ 600.00 for Northwestern Counseling?
  - l. \$ 1,000.00 for the Lucas James Williams Memorial Youth Fund Ltd.?
  - m. \$ 500.00 for Cat Crusaders of Franklin County, Inc.?
  - n. \$ 1,000.00 for Laurie's House of St. Albans?
27. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.

Dated this 25 day of January, 2022. By the Select Board members of the Town of Bakersfield.

  
 Joshua Goss, Chair

  
 Lance Lawyer

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 Terri Gates

  
 Brenda Churchill

  
 John West