

WARNING
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024

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 5th, 2024, at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian ballot for Article 2. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

Informational Meeting for Article 2a and 2b to be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Bakersfield Town Hall.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. **John West So voted**
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
 - a. Shall the Town appropriate \$425,000.00 for ROAD WORK? **208 yes 51 no So voted**
 - b. Shall the Town appropriate \$362,000.00 for GENERAL EXPENSES for the Town? **202 yes 55 no So Voted**
 - c. Select Board member 3-year term. **Nicky Cribb 152 Terri Gates 93 So Voted**
 - d. Select Board member 2-year term. **Joshua Goss 231 So Voted**
 - e. Town Clerk 3-year **Katherine Westcom So Voted**
 - f. Lister 3-year term **Susan Sonski 236 So voted**
 - g. Auditor 1 year of a 3-year term. **To be appointed**
 - h. Auditor 2 year of a 3-year term. **To be appointed**
 - i. Auditor 3-year term. **Susan Wooten 214 So voted**
 - j. Planning Commission 3-year term. **Kenneth Carter 231 So voted**
 - k. Planning Commission 3-year term. **William Irwin 226 So voted**
 - l. Planning Commission 2-year term. **Nicky Cribb 234 So voted**
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. **Chris Ward**
 - b. Second Constable. **To be appointed**
 - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes **Katherine Westcom**
 - d. Grand Juror. **Jessica Villeneuve**
 - e. Town Agent **to be appointed**
 - f. Cemetery Commissioner 5-year term. **to be appointed**
 - g. Cemetery Commissioner 4 years of a 5-year term. **to be appointed**
 - h. Library Trustee 3-year term **Michael O'rourke**
 - i. Library Trustee 3-year term. **Katie Dorman**
 - j. Trustee of Public Funds 3-year term. **Lance Lawyer**
 - k. Brigham Academy Committee Person 3-year term. **Sara Jo Marcotte**
5. Shall the Town vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 7th, 2024. **So voted**
6. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted? **So voted**
7. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? **So voted**
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for a PAVING/GRANT FUND (Matching funds for grants)? **So voted**
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for BRIDGE REPAIR FUND? **So voted**
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$28,000.00 for EQUIPMENT REPAIR FUND? **So voted**
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$49,485.70 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2025? **So voted**

12. Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000.00 for Maple Grove Cemetery for 2025? **Amended to
Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000.00 for Maple Grove and Cook Cemetery for 2025? So Voted**
13. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society for 2025? **So voted**
14. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Reappraisal Fund? **So voted**
15. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,000.00 for Fireworks for annual 4th celebration needs? **So Voted**
16. Shall the Town vote to exempt Bakersfield Fire Volunteer Fire Department from property tax located At 181 Main Street North for a period of 5 years beginning April 1, 2024? **So Voted**
17. Shall the voters exempt Fairfield Fire District #1 Water and Reservoir Building from property taxes under 32 V.S.A 3832 paragraph 1 for a period of five years starting April 1, 2024. **So Voted**
18. Shall the Town appropriate the following sums of money: **So Voted as a block**
 - a. \$2,776.00 for the Franklin County Home Health?
 - b. \$1,655.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?
 - c. \$200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?
 - d. \$1521.00 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 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?
 - h. \$1,000.00 for the Lucas James Williams Memorial Youth Fund Ltd.?
 - i. \$500.00 for Cat Crusaders of Franklin County, Inc.?
 - j. \$1,000.00 for Lauries's House of St. Albans?
 - k. \$95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?
19. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.