

WARNING TOWN OF HARDWICK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hardwick Fire Station at 333 Wolcott Street in said Town of Hardwick on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 7 o'clock in the afternoon for Australian Ballot Voting only to act on the following business:

DUE TO EMERGENCY HEALTH ORDERS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE SENT TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS. NO APPLICATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

(In the Year 2021, Approval of all Articles and Election of Town Select Board and Union School District No. 26 Directors shall be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.). If special accommodations are necessary because of physical disabilities, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (472-5971).

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to govern said Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2020?

Article 3. Shall the Town have its current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?

Article 4. To elect all Town Officers and School District No. 26 Directors as required by the public laws of Vermont and the Town Charter.

Select Board..... 3 year term

Select Board2 seats for 1 year terms

Hazen Union District #26 Director..... 3 year term

Hazen Union District #26 Director..... 2 years remaining on a 3 year term

Lister.....3 year term

Auditor.....3 year term

First Constable.....1 year term

Second Constable.....1 year term

Town Agent.....1 year term

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber.....1 year term

Tree Warden.....1 year term

Cemetery Trustees for Main Street.....1 year term

Cemetery Trustees for Maple Street.....1 year term

Cemetery Trustees for Fairview.....1 year term

Cemetery Trustees for Sanborn.....1 year term

Cemetery Trustees for Hardwick Street.....1 year term

Fire Dept. Officers(EACH A 1 year term)

Library Trustee.....3 year term

Library Trustee.....3 year term

Grand Juror.....1 year term

Trustee of Public Funds.....1 year term

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Fence Viewers.....1 year term

Article 5. Shall the Town vote a budget of three million five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$3,525,629.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a new tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Article 6. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Greensboro Nursing Home?

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for the support of A.W.A.R.E.?

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the support of the Lamoille Family Center?

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Historical Society?

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars (\$3,161.00) for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Human Services?

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) for the support of Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice?

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Community Television (Channel 16)?

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the support of Rural Community Transportation?

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Arts Council (Hardwick Town House)?

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) for the support of the North Country Animal League?

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the support of the Craftsbury Community Care Center?

Article 19. Shall the Town exempt the property of the Hardwick Area Rescue Squad from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Article 20. Shall the Town exempt the property of the Caspian Lake Lodge Masonic Temple Association, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Article 21. Shall the Town exempt the property of the Caledonia Grange from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Article 22. Shall the Town exempt the property of the Knights of Columbus Association, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Article 23. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with new industrial and commercial owners, lessees, bailees, of real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct, acquire or renovate industrial and/or commercial real property, including additions to existing property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to the provision of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Article 24. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with operators of agricultural real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees, or operators who construct acquire or renovate, or who intend to construct, acquire or renovate agricultural real property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the valuation of such real property in the Grand List for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount in money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to provisions of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick are further notified that voter qualifications, registration, and absentee voting relative to said Annual Town Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Hardwick, Vermont this 26th day of January, A.D. 2021.


Eric Remick, Chair




Elizabeth Dow, Vice Chair



Shari Cornish



Lucian Avery

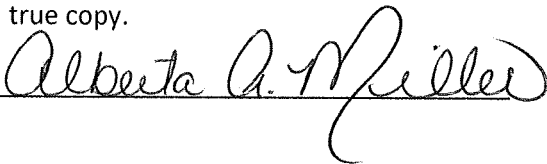


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Hardwick Town Clerk's Office. Received for record this 26 day of January, 2021 at 11 o'clock 00 minutes a.m., the instrument of which the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Alberta A. Miller, Town Clerk



Impact of Appropriations on Tax Rate

Article 6. Greensboro Nursing Home, \$4,500.00

Article 7. A.W.A.R.E., \$3,500.00

Article 8. Lamoille Family Center, \$1,500.00

Article 9. Hardwick Historical Society, \$3,000.00

Article 10. Northeast Kingdom Human Services, \$3,161.00

Article 11. Hardwick Area Food Pantry \$2,500.00

Article 12. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice, \$2,600.00

Article 13. Hardwick Community Television, \$3,000.00

Article 14. Rural Community Transportation \$3,400.00

Article 15. Northeast Kingdom Arts Council, \$3,500.00

Article 16. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, \$4,500.00

Article 17. North Country Animal League, \$2,100.00

Article 18. Craftsbury Community Care Center, \$1,500.00

The total requested appropriations are \$ 38,761.00. If all of the requested appropriations are approved, we would need a tax rate of approximately \$.0206 cents. This means that you will be paying \$20.63 on your 2021-2022 tax bill for every \$100,000 of Grand List Value.