

**TOWN OF BERLIN, VERMONT
WARNING AND NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Berlin are hereby warned and notified to meet at 8:00 AM at the Berlin Municipal Offices on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to vote on the following articles.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no Pre-Town Meeting or Town Meeting.
ALL Articles shall be voted by Australian ballot.
The polls will open at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Residents may register to vote prior to the election at the Town Clerk's Office or on-line at the Secretary of State's website. Residents may also register to vote at the election site on Town Meeting Day. A voter may obtain an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Town Clerk (229-9298) or coming into the office before 3:30 PM on Monday, March 1, 2021. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Town Clerk no later than the close of the polls at 7 PM on March 2, 2021. Voters wishing to vote absentee should request ballots early.

All annual reports appear in the Berlin Annual Report which will be available at the Municipal Offices and the Elementary School. Information regarding articles on the ballot is available at the Municipal Offices.

The articles to be voted by Australian ballot are as follows:

Article 1: To elect the following Town Officers, for the terms specified:

One (1) Selectboard member for a three (3) year term;
Two (2) Selectboard members for a one (1) year term each;
One (1) Town Moderator for a one (1) year term

Article 2: Shall the Town appropriate \$3,698,719 for necessary Town expenses for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

Article 3: Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes, to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in installments? One-fourth of the taxes to be due, by **delivery** or by **U.S. Postal Service postmark** (no private postal meter postmarks), on or before August 15, 2021, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before November 15, 2021, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before February 15, 2022 and one-fourth due on or before May 15, 2022, with an eight percent (8%) penalty and one percent (1%) interest per month (or portion thereof) to be charged for late payment of any installment?

Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the Berlin Selectboard to seek financing to pay for the replacement of a failed culvert on Fisher Road, payable from revenues derived from the Berlin General Fund tax revenues, in an amount not to exceed one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available State and Federal grants-in-aid or use of undesignated funds over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years?

Article 5: Shall the Town grant a continuation of the Municipal Property Tax Exemption

(pursuant to 32 VSA §3840) for a period of one (1) year, to the Capital City Grange #469 for property located at 6612 VT RT 12, in exchange for free use of the property by residents a minimum of two (2) times a month?

- Article 6:** Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licensees in Town pursuant to 7VSA §863?
- Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$285,079 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for payment of necessary expenses from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town appropriate \$30,402 to the Kellogg Hubbard Library?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000 to the Montpelier Senior Activities Center?
- Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,920 to the Green Mountain Transit?
- Article 11:** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Berlin Corner Cemetery Association?
(Cemetery Not Town Owned)
- Article 12:** Shall the Town appropriate \$6,450 to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?
- Article 13:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 to Washington County Mental Health?
- Article 14:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?
- Article 15:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- Article 16:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center?
- Article 17:** Shall the Town appropriate \$975 to CIRCLE?
- Article 18:** Shall the Town appropriate \$800 to the Family Center of Washington County?
- Article 19:** Shall the Town appropriate \$800 to Prevent Child Abuse VT?
- Article 20:** Shall the Town appropriate \$700 to Capstone Community Action?
- Article 21:** Shall the Town appropriate \$600 to Good Samaritan Haven?
- Article 22:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the People's Health & Wellness Clinic?
- Article 23:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Washington County Youth Services Bureau?
- Article 25:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Mosaic Vermont, formerly the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?
- Article 26:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Community Harvest of Central Vermont?

Article 27: Shall the Town appropriate \$300 to the Good Beginnings of Central Vermont?

Dated at Berlin, Vermont, this 20th. day of January, 2021.

TOWN OF BERLIN SELECTBOARD

s/ Bradley Towne, Chair

s/ Florence Smith, Co-Vice Chairman

s/ Justin Lawrence, Co-Vice Chairman

s/ John Quinn, Secretary

s/ Angelina Capron

Received for posting and recording this 21st. day of January, 2021.

Attest: s/ Rosemary Morse
Berlin Town Clerk