

RUTLAND TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet remotely via Zoom Conference** on Monday, February 28th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Articles 1 through 23. At the close of business, the meeting shall recess to 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, at the Town Hall in Center Rutland for voters living on the west side of Route 7, and the Elementary School on Post Road for voters on the east side of Route 7, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 through 23 inclusive. Polls will close at 7:00 p.m. on March 1st, 2022 .

ARTICLES:

1. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to approve ONE MILLION, SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,071,127.00) for use toward the operation of the General Fund Budget to be offset by anticipated income & local option tax receipts from the State of Vermont, the remainder of which, if any, to be raised by taxes?
2. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWELVE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$471,212.00) for use toward the operation of the Police Fund Budget?
3. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION, TWELVE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,012,211.00) for use toward the operation of the Highway Fund Budget?
4. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$224,164.00) for use toward the operation of the Fire Fund Budget?
5. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$165,914.00) for use toward the operation of the Recreation Fund Budget?
6. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$535.00) toward supporting the work of the Vermont Center for Independent Living for the year 2022?
7. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$670.00) toward supporting the work of the Retired Senior Volunteer Service (RSVP) for the year 2022?
8. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed EIGHT HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$800.00) toward supporting the work of ARC for the year 2022?
9. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) toward supporting the work of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging Inc. for the elderly citizens of Rutland Town for the year 2022?
10. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) toward supporting the work of the Child First Advocacy Center for the year 2022?

11. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit District's (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town for the year 2022?
12. Shall the Town of Rutland appropriate FOUR THOUSAND, FIFTY-FOUR & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,054.00) to the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region, along with area businesses and municipalities with the ultimate goal of growing the economy in our region for the year 2022?
13. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,500.00) for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to the residents of the Town for the year 2022?
14. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWO & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,502.00) toward supporting the work of Rutland Mental Health for the year 2022?
15. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) toward supporting the work of the Rutland Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice - (\$500.00) Rutland Area Hospice and (\$6,000.00) RAVNAH home and community health services for the year 2022?
16. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes the sum of money not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) for scholarships, to be awarded to worthy 2022 High School graduates of the Town of Rutland, who have resided in the Town at least two (2) years and wish to attend institutions of higher learning?
17. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes the sum of money not to exceed SIXTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$16,216.00) toward the operating cost of the Regional Ambulance Service for the year 2022?
18. Shall the Town of Rutland continue its participation in the Rutland Free Library Association Inc. and to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$97,883.00) for the year 2022?
19. Shall the Town of Rutland establish a reserve fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2804 to be maintained and used as a depreciation account for the purchase, repair, and/or maintenance of the Recreation equipment, with this depreciation account to be funded annually by taxes raised at the rate of .0125 per \$100 of assessed property valuation?
20. Shall the Town of Rutland rescind its vote to elect its Road Commissioner for a three-year term of office and going forward fill the office of Road Commissioner by appointment by the Selectboard.

21. Shall the Town of Rutland replace the McKinley Avenue Fire Station with a public safety building to house the Rutland Town Fire and Police Departments at a cost not exceed \$4,146,563.00 and to be funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act grants of \$1,220,781.72 and payment of \$851,231 from the Town's capital project reserve account, with the balance to be financed by a bond in an amount not to exceed \$2,074,550.28, with a payment term not to exceed 25 years?
22. Shall the Town of Rutland, pursuant to 7 V.S.A. §863(a)(1), permit licensed cannabis retailers as defined by 7 V.S.A. §861(9), to operate in the Town of Rutland?
23. Shall the Town of Rutland, pursuant to 7 V.S.A. §863(a)(1), permit cannabis integrated licensees as defined by 7 V.S.A. §861(19), to operate in the Town of Rutland?
24. To elect the following town officers:
 - a. A Moderator for a term of one year;
 - b. A Grand Juror for a term of one year;
 - c. A Selectboard member for a term of two years;
 - d. A Selectboard member for a term of three years;
 - e. A Lister for a term of three years;
 - f. A Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years;
 - g. A School Board member for a term of two years;
 - h. A School Board member for a term of three years;
25. To transact any other necessary, legal, and proper business, which may come before said meeting.

Dated at Rutland Town, Vermont this 11TH day of January 2022.

Rutland Town Select Board

Mary Ashcroft, Chairman

Joseph Denardo, Clerk

John Paul Faignant

Sharon Russell

Don Chioffi

****To join via Zoom, visit www.zoom.us/join or call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 939 1518 8696.**