

**TOWN OF BERLIN, VERMONT  
WARNING AND NOTICE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Saturday March 2, 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Berlin are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 AM at the Berlin Elementary School on Saturday March 2, 2024. A pre-town meeting to discuss all articles to be voted by Australian ballot is scheduled for 10:00 AM, followed immediately by the Annual Town Meeting to vote on Articles 27 through 31.

Articles 1 through 26 shall be voted by Australian ballot at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the municipal town office building.

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 March 5<sup>th</sup>. A voter may obtain an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Town Clerk (802-229-9298) or coming into the office before 3:30 PM on Monday, March 4, 2024. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Town Clerk no later than the close of the polls at 7 PM on March 5, 2024. Voters wishing to vote absentee should request ballots early.

All annual reports of the Town Officers 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;

Article 2: Shall the Town appropriate \$4,558,276 for necessary Town expenses for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025?

Article 3: Shall the Berlin Town Charter be hereby amended as follows:  
Section 3-2 Powers of the Town addition of paragraph (d) as follows:  
The Town of Berlin Selectboard may assess a one percent sales tax.  
The Town of Berlin Selectboard may assess a one percent room tax.  
The Town of Berlin Selectboard may assess a one percent meals and alcohol beverage tax.  
(d.2) A tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected and administered by the department of taxes in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 138.  
(d.3) Revenues received through the imposition of a tax imposed under this section shall be designed for capital projects within the town.

Article 4: Shall the Town sell 1.5 acres of town owned property located at 108 Shed Road to Giri Montpelier Inc for a purchase price of \$1,000,000?

- Article 5:** Shall the Voters authorize required local match for July 2023 flooding repairs in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?
- Article 6:** Shall the Town appropriate \$424,296 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for payment of necessary expenses from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025?
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- Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$39,886 to the Kellogg Hubbard Library?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town appropriate \$21,600 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Berlin Corner Cemetery Association?  
(Cemetery Not Town Owned)
- Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$7,150 to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?
- Article 11:** Shall the Town appropriate \$3,000 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article 12:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 to Washington County Mental Health?
- Article 13:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?
- Article 14:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center?
- Article 15:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to Downstreet Housing and Community Development?
- Article 16:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to Washington County Diversion?
- Article 17:** Shall the Town appropriate \$975 to CIRCLE?
- Article 18:** Shall the Town appropriate \$800 to Family Center of Washington County?
- Article 19:** Shall the Town appropriate \$700 to Capstone Community Action?
- Article 20:** Shall the Town appropriate \$600 to Good Samaritan Haven?
- Article 21:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation?
- Article 22:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Community Harvest of Central Vermont?
- Article 23:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Mosaic Vermont, formerly the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
- Article 25:** Shall the Town appropriate \$300 to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont?
- Article 26:** Shall the Town appropriate \$250 to O.U.R. House of Central Vermont?

The following articles will be voted at the traditional Town Meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2024 immediately following the informational pre-town meeting:

Article 27: To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuing

Article 28: To hear the reports of the Town Officers for 2023

Article 29: Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes, to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 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, 2024, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before November 15, 2024, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before February 15, 2025 and one-fourth due on or before May 15, 2025, 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 30: Shall the Voters of the Town of Berlin call upon the United States Postal Service to establish a post office and zip code within the town to service its residents and businesses?

Article 31: To discuss any other business that may legally come before the meeting

Dated at Berlin, Vermont, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

TOWN OF BERLIN SELECTBOARD


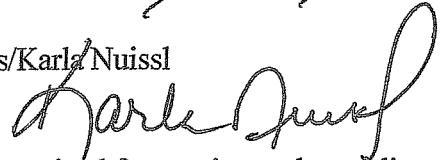
s/Bradley Towne, Chair

  
s/Florence Smith, Vice Chairman

  
s/Ture Nelson

s/ John Staab

s/Karla Nuisl

  
  
Received for posting and recording this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

Attest:

  
s/Rachel Giroux  
Berlin Town Clerk