

Warning Annual Town Meeting March 2, 2021

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in said Town of Halifax are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Road, in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting on all the below warned articles by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote for the following Town Officers:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>
Town Moderator	One year
Selectman	Three years
Lister	Three years
Auditor	Three years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	One year
Trustee of Public Funds	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner (remainder term)	One year
Halifax School Board Director	Three years
Halifax School Board Moderator	One Year
Southern Valley Unified Union School Director	Three years

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows:
Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2021 payable to the Town Treasurer.
Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2021 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY21) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY22).

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,641,457 of which \$1,449,957 shall be raised by taxes and \$191,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY22.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$15,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY22.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to fund an audit of the Town's financial records by a certified public accountant for fiscal year 2020.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of Halifax eliminate the office of auditor (currently made up of three elected officials) and appoint a Vermont-licensed certified public accounting firm to conduct annual financial audits beginning with fiscal year 2020 in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax expand the size of the Selectboard from three to five members, with one of the new members having a 1-year term and the other new member having a 2-year term?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of:

\$ 200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 750	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200	Youth Services
\$ 50	Green Up Vermont
\$ 250	American Red Cross
\$ 790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$ 500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$ 1,900	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.
\$ 4,000	Halifax Fire Department (First Responders)
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry
\$ 4,500	The Whitingham Free Public Library
\$ 500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

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



Lewis Sumner

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont



Mitchell Green



Bradley Rafus