

Warning Annual Town Meeting March 7, 2023

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 Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 246 Branch Road, in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

ARTICLE 1: To elect by Australian Ballot 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:

TITLE:	TERM:
TOWN MODERATOR	One year
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	Three years
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	Two years
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	Two years (remainder of term ending 2024)
TOWN CLERK	Three years
TOWN TREASURER	Three years
LISTERS	Three years
AUDITOR	Three years
AUDITOR	Three years (remainder of term ending 2025)
AUDITOR	Three years (remainder of term ending 2024)
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	One year
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Three years
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Three years (remainder of term ending 2024)
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Three years
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Three years (remainder of term ending 2025)
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Three years (remainder of term ending 2024)
HALIFAX SCHOOL MODERATOR	One year
HALIFAX SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Three years

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the Town officers.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2023 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2023 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,250,626 of which \$1,032,126 shall be raised by taxes and \$218,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY24.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$20,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY24.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town assess a one percent (1%) tax on rooms pursuant to 24 VSA § 138(b).

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town authorize audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this state every third year starting with an audit of FY25.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund called the Audit Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding audits performed by a public accountant in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 and fund by raising and appropriating \$5,000 in FY24.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund called the Resurfacing Reserve Fund for the resurfacing and maintenance of paved roads in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with \$89,000.31 which is the current balance from FY22.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 in FY24 to be deposited into the Resurfacing Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund called the Bridge Reserve Fund to be used for the construction and maintenance of bridges in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with \$59,994.86 which is the current balance from FY22.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Cemetery Perpetual Care Reserve Fund to be used for the construction and maintenance of cemeteries in the Town of Halifax in accordance with 18 VSA § 5306 to be funded with current balance of \$11,328.84.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,691 to be deposited into the Cemetery Perpetual Care Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Reappraisal Reserve Fund to be used for future town wide reappraisal in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Building Maintenance Fund for the purpose of maintaining and upgrading town owned structures in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with the current balance of \$7,806.14.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Grant Reserve Fund for the purpose of grant management in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with the current American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) balance of \$193,956.46.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to match the Caring for Canopy grant from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the purpose of ash tree removal from Town right of ways.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$5,000 to support the services of the Whitingham Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters in the town of Halifax appropriate the sum of \$2,184.00 to be raised by taxes for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of:

\$250	American Red Cross
\$200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry
\$50	Green Up Vermont
\$2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$1,000	Halifax Fire Company
\$750	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)
\$550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$1,900	Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.
\$3,000	Whitingham Fireman's Association
\$500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)
\$2,500	Wings Community Program
\$700	Women's Freedom Center
\$200	Youth Services

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 31st day of January A.D. 2023

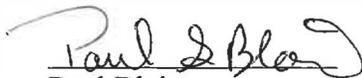


Lewis Sumner

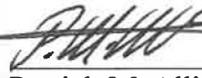


Peter Silverberg

Tristan Roberts



Paul Blais



Patrick McAllister