

Town Meeting Warning **261st Annual Town Meeting of New Haven, Vermont**

The legal voters of the Town of New Haven are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in New Haven, Vermont on **Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM** to act on Articles 1 through 4; and on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM** to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 5 through 32.

A DISCUSSION PERIOD FOR THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to pay real estate taxes to the Town Treasurer on October 2, 2023; delinquent taxes to be subject to interest charges of one percent per month, and an eight percent penalty charged against them from October 2, 2023?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven accept the Auditors' Report for the year 2022?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven authorize the Selectboard to put funding of those non-profit entities which have petitioned and have been approved for 5 consecutive years at the same amount into the General Fund budget, each listed at current funding level, rather than in separate articles effective with the 2024 budget?

ARTICLE 4. To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business, which may legally come before this meeting, including but not limited to discussion about how to spend ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan Act).

ARTICLE 5. To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot:

Auditor	3 years
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Delinquent Tax Collector	1 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Lister	3 years
Moderator	1 year
Mt. Abe Unified School District Director	3 years
Selectboard	2 years
Selectboard	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to adopt the proposed Road Fund Budget of \$1,285,297.27, less anticipated revenues of \$353,400.00 less 2022 surplus of \$82,596.07, leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$849,301.20 to be raised by taxes, for the purpose of maintaining town roads for the year 2023? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to adopt the proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,374,474.38 (General Fund expenses, \$774,474.38 plus school payment due \$600,000.00) less anticipated revenues of \$428,891.81, less 2022 surplus of \$466101.38, leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$479,481.19, to be raised by taxes? This amount to be increased by any additional monies voted affirmatively by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2023. The tax rate to be determined by the Selectboard. By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to expend up to \$140,000.00 from the Reserve Facilities Fund to do major repairs to the façade of the Town Hall? Said repairs to include the front porch and improve ADA accessibility. By Australian Ballot

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven authorize the Selectboard to purchase approximately five acres (Lot # 3) of the lands of VELCO whose property lies on the southerly side of Route 17 (Main Street) for a sum not to exceed \$70,000.00, which includes closing costs. Monies to come from ARPA Funds. By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the legal voters of the Town of New Haven, as part of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, approve the withdrawal agreement with the Lincoln School District, which includes the property transfer of the Lincoln Community School building and bond as well as a negotiated portion of the MAUSD Education Reserve Fund in the amount of \$74,754? By Australian Ballot.
The details of the terms can be found in the full withdrawal agreement posted on the MAUSD website, in MAUSD schools and at the town clerk's office.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,753.25 for the Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$750.00 to the Addison County Humane Society, Inc.? (Homeward Bound) By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,800.00 for the Addison County Parent Child Center? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$750.00 for Addison County Readers, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for Addison County Restorative Justice Services? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for the Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$700.00 for Age Well? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 18. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$500.00 for the Bristol Family Center? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 to Bristol Recreation Department? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters of Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,750.00 for the Counseling Service of Addison County? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 21. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$700.00 for Elderly Services, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 22. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,700.00 for HOPE? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 23. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,075.00 for the John Graham Housing and Services, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 24. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$1,000 for the New Haven Mentoring Program? By Australian Ballot

ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200.00 to the Open-Door Clinic, Community Health Services of Addison County which provides access to high quality dental and healthcare, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured in accordance with 24 V.S.A.§2691? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 26. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate the sum of \$950.00 to the Otter Creek Child Center, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 27. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$390.00 for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 28. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$4,850.00 for Tri-Valley Transit to be taken from Town Funds for the purpose of maintaining and improving public transportation services for elders, persons with disabilities and the general public? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 29. Shall the Town of New Haven appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive behaviors? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 30. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$525.00 for Vermont Adult Learning? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 31. Shall the voters of the Town of New Haven vote to appropriate \$215.00 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living? By Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 32. Shall the Town of New Haven appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 to WomenSafe, Inc.? By Australian Ballot.

Dated at New Haven, Vermont, this 1st day of February 2023.

Received for Record:

February 1, 2023, at 1:00 pm Attest: _____
New Haven Town Clerk

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John Roleau (Chair)

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Taborri Bruhl (Vice Chair)

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Kathy Barrett

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Steve Dupoise

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****Original signatures on file at the New Haven Town Clerk's Office****