

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017, 7:00 PM
VOTE BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
COLCHESTER, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Colchester, Vermont are notified and warned to meet at the Colchester High School Auditorium, Laker Lane, in said Town on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM to act on the following articles not involving voting by Australian ballot (Articles 1-5):

Article 1

To choose a moderator, if elected moderator is not present.

Article 2

To act on reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3

To set compensation, if any, to be paid to the Selectboard.

Article 4

To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Article 5

To adjourn said meeting and to reconvene at the Colchester High School, Laker Lane, in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, for voters in District 9-1 and District 9-2 to vote for Town Officers and to transact any other business involving voting by Australian Ballot with voting to begin at 7:00 a.m. and to close at 7:00 p.m. (Early voting information below.)

Article 6

"Shall the voters of the Town of Colchester approve total general fund expenditures of twelve million, four hundred fifty-two thousand, three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$12,452,325), of which ten million, two hundred twenty-one thousand, eight hundred seventy dollars (\$10,221,870) shall be raised by taxes and two million, two hundred thirty-four thousand, four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$2,234,455) by non-tax revenues for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?"

Article 7: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 2. Officers

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 202 to eliminate the elected office of grand juror?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 8: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 2. Officers

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 207 to add the requirement of the Selectboard to publish all policy adoptions on the Town's website for ease of access by the public?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 9: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 3. Town Meetings

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 304 to change the threshold from 2 to 4 percent for emergency appropriations following an opportunity for public comment on the matter and to amend Section 607 to change the 2 percent to 4 percent to agree with Section 304; and remove redundant language that states articles requesting appropriations shall be voted by Australian ballot?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 10: Proposed Town Charter Amendments re: Subchapter 4. Town Manager

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 401 to add the statutory reference for appointment of Town Manager; amend Section 404 to add language that the Town Manager *shall* keep the Selectboard informed.... ***Including, but not limited to, regarding the enforcement of Town ordinances,*** and amend Section 406 to add the language that the Town Manager shall be removed by a majority of the ***entire*** Selectboard so voting ***upon a finding of cause for removal?***"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 11: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 6. Budget

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 602 to add clarification language to the preparation and submission of the budget; amend Section 603 to add clarification language to the Town meeting and budget process; and amend Section 606 to add clarification language to the Departmental budget?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 12: Proposed Town Charter amendment re: Subchapter 6. Budget

"Shall the voters vote to add Section 608 Capital budgeting for voter-approved funding, to require multi-year capital budgets funded through voter-approved multi-year capital plans, voter-approved agreements, voter-approved debt, or impact fees to follow the provisions of state statutes?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 13: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 9. Miscellaneous Provision to be re-named "Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest".

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 901 Ethical conduct to add clarification language; and add Section 902 Conflict of Interest Policy to require the publication of the policy on the Town's website and the adoption and periodic review of the policy and process?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Article 14: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 10. Amendment of Charter

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 1001 Amendment of Charter to require a review of the charter every 5 years?"

The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review on the Town website, in each voting booth, on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 781 Blakely Road, and available to the public upon request.

Early/Absentee Voting: You may vote at the Town Offices during office hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM) until the close of business on March 6th (eve of Election Day). You may request a ballot be mailed to you (allow time for postal transit) or an authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on your behalf. Requests can be made by phone (802-264-5520); at the Town Clerk's office; or through the Vermont's Voter Registration system at "My Voter Page" at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>

Completed ballots should be mailed to: Colchester Town Clerk, P.O. Box 55, Colchester, VT 05446, or taken to the Town Clerk's office. If you choose to mail your completed ballot, **be sure you allow time for postal transit-the clerks are not responsible for delayed or misdirected mail.** Ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by 4:30 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017. On Election Day absentee ballots must be returned to the polling place at the high school.

DATED AT COLCHESTER, VERMONT, THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

COLCHESTER SELECTBOARD



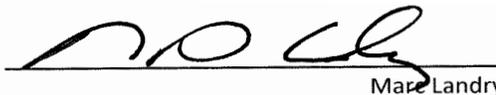
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Tom Mulcahy, Clerk



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