

**WARNING
TOWN OF POMFRET
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Offices, 5218 Pomfret Road, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, between 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM, to vote by Australian ballot (pursuant to Act 1 of 2023) upon the articles of business listed herein.

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur via Zoom pursuant to Act 1 of 2023 on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Instructions for joining the informational hearing appear at the end this Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said voting by Australian ballot shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. For more information, please visit <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/> or call the Pomfret Town Offices at (802) 457-3861 during normal business hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

1. To elect the following Town officers:

- Town Moderator, 1-year term;
- Town Clerk, 1-year term;
- Selectboard Member, 3-year term;
- Selectboard Member, 2-year term (*see Note below*);
- Selectboard Member, 1 year to finish a 2-year term (*see Note below*);
- Treasurer, 1-year term;
- Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term;
- Lister, 3-year term;
- Auditor, 3-year term;
- Library Trustee, 3-year term;
- Library Trustee, 3-year term;
- Library Trustee, 1 year to finish a 3-year term; and
- Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term.

Note: Term length of the two additional Selectboard members was changed from 1 year to 2 years by approval of Article 2 at the 2022 Town Meeting. Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2650, the expiration of these members' terms must be staggered.

2. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791?
3. Shall the voters approve the combined budget for Fiscal Year 2024 of \$1,766,444 for general purposes (\$509,371) and for highway purposes (\$1,257,073), of which \$1,202,034 will be raised by current year taxes and \$564,410 by other sources?

Note: The amounts in this Article 3 exclude the appropriations proposed in Articles 4 through 15 below.

4. Shall the voters appropriate \$42,500 to the Abbott Memorial Library?

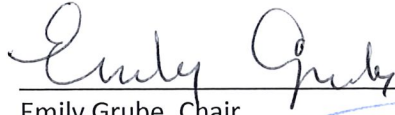
5. Shall the voters appropriate \$12,500 to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission?
6. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,950 to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH in support of care provided in patients' homes?
7. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,800 to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (d.b.a. The Thompson Senior Center) to be used for operational expenses to provide meals on wheels, transportation, wellness and social activities, medical equipment, and other Aging at Home support services to benefit Town residents?
8. Shall the voters appropriate \$979 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for support of services provided to residents of Windsor County?
9. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Ottauquechee Community Partnership) to support their Mentor and Buddy Program?
10. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to the Spectrum Teen Center for support of activities at the center?
11. Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Pentangle Arts for providing artistic endeavors in the community?
12. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley for support of activities at the service?
13. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) for funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short-term caregiver services?
14. Shall the voters appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont for Green Up Day supplies and services?
15. Shall the voters re-appropriate \$145,375 of the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce Fiscal Year 2024 taxes to be raised?

Note: Approval of this article would leave \$96,917 in the General Fund balance, which amount would remain subject to re-appropriation by the voters at a later date.

16. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4773, and that the first installment of such taxes be due and accepted at the Treasurer's office on or before 2:30 PM on August 18, 2023, and that the balance be due at the same location on or before 2:30 PM on February 2, 2024, and that overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of 1.0% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873, and that all delinquent taxes be subject to an 8.0% penalty pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 1674?

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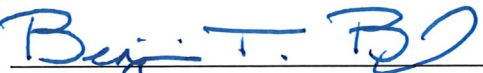
Dated this 21st day of January, 2023,
by the Selectboard of the Town of Pomfret:



Emily Grube, Chair



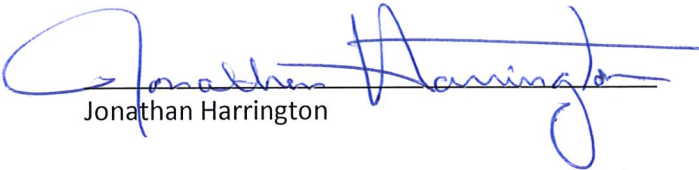
John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair



Benjamin Brickner



Steve Chamberlin



Jonathan Harrington

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AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
INFORMATIONAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur via Zoom on Saturday, February 25, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM. You may join this informational hearing by telephone, computer or smartphone as follows:

Computer or Smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/95395079923?pwd=ZjBEed3ZuZWgvWmx2M0tpOE8zbjg2dz09>

Landline or Mobile Phone

Dial (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 953 9507 9923 and Password 306922.