# WARNING ANNUAL ST. JOHNSBURY TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The voters of the Town and Town School District of St. Johnsbury, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet on **Monday March 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM** for a public informational meeting at the St. Johnsbury School, 257 Western Avenue, to discuss the following articles to be voted on March 7, 2023 by Australian ballot from 8:00AM to 7:00PM.

## ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., Town Office Building, 51 Depot Square TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT To elect the following Town and Town School District Officers as required by Law: School District Treasurer for three year, One School Director for three years, One School Director for two years, Town Moderator for one year, Selectperson for three years, Two Selectpersons for one year, First Constable for one year.

## TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

**ARTICLE 01.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District approve the school board to expend \$26,141,467 in general funds, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,018 per equalized pupil.

**ARTICLE 02.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791 to collect current taxes?

**ARTICLE 03**. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District authorize the school board to secure a Tax Anticipation Note to cover cash flow needs for FY2024 fiscal year?

## FOR THE TOWN MEETING TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

**ARTICLE 04.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize a General Fund Budget of \$4,287,930 of which, an amount not to exceed \$2,643,318 is to be raised by local property taxes for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024?

**ARTICLE 05.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize a Highway Fund Budget of \$3,510,463 of which, an amount not to exceed \$2,503,239 to be raised by local property taxes for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024?

**ARTICLE 06.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791 to collect current taxes?

**ARTICLE 07.** Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Cemetery Reserve Account to be used for designated projects in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

- **ARTICLE 08.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury vote to eliminate the office of Constable pursuant to 17 V.S.A §2651a (d)?
- **ARTICLE 09.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$5,500 for the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 10.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$20,000 for the Good Living Senior Center to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 11.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$115,000 for the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 12.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$770 for the St. Johnsbury Town Band to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 13.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$18,382 for Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 14.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for the First Night North to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 15.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$63,000 for the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$29,000 for the St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Pool to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 17.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$7,200 for the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 18.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 for the Meals on Wheels St. Johnsbury to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 19.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$810 for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 20.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$675 for the Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 21.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$13,050 for the Rural Community Transportation ("RCT") to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 22.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$1,800 for the Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 23.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 for Catamount Arts to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?
- **ARTICLE 24.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$9,500 for Umbrella, Inc., to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?

**ARTICLE 25.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$7,983 for the Northeast Kingdom Human Services to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?

**ARTICLE 26.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for the Kingdom Animal Shelter to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?

**ARTICLE 27.** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for Support and Services at Home (SASH) Rural Edge to be raised by local property taxes for 2023?

**ARTICLE 28.** Shall Two Million Three Hundred and Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,322,000) of unexpended infrastructure bond proceeds authorized at the May 10, 2016, Special Meeting of the Town of St. Johnsbury be expended for the purpose of solids processing improvements at the wastewater treatment facility, including purchasing and installing solids handling equipment, construction of associated buildings and loading facilities, the aggregate estimated cost of such improvements being Three Million Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,998,000)?

ARTICLE 29. Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of St. Johnsbury in an amount not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,676,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of solids processing improvements at the wastewater treatment facility, including purchasing and installing solids handling equipment, construction of associated buildings and loading facilities, the aggregate estimated cost of such improvements being Three Million Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,998,000)?

### **Special Services District Ballot**

**ARTICLE 01.** Shall the voters residing within former Village of St. Johnsbury, as it was bounded December 31, 1965, authorize a Special Service Fund budget to pay current expenses and indebtedness incurred in continuing functions in that area which are not common to the Town of St. Johnsbury in an amount of \$1,776,033 of which, an amount not to exceed \$1,443,752 is to be assessed by the Select board on the Grand List of said former village for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024?

#### PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST TO ENSURE THAT THE MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY. REQUESTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO STACY JEWELL, TOWN CLERK, 51 DEPOT SQUARE, ST JOHNSBURY, VERMONT 05819 TELEPHONE (802) 748-4331 ext. 1.

DATED at St Johnsbury, Vermont this \_\_30\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

Frank Empsall, Chair	Mark Avery, Chair	_
Dennis Smith, Vice Chair	Abigail Campbell, Vice	Chair
Brendan Hughes	Ilene Dickinson	_
Steven Isham	Thomas Huntington	_
Tracy Zschau	Peter VanStraten	
	est: Stacy Jewell, Town Clerk	

Topic: Annual St. Johnsbury Town Meeting

Time: Mar 6, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

## Join Zoom Meeting

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