

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING NOTICE and AGENDA

The Selectboard for the Town of Barnet, Vermont will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warning.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Please join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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*** email townclerk@barnetvt.org if you are having difficulties connecting**

***Note: This meeting will be recorded via GoToMeeting**

Please review our "Informational Handout for Remote Public Hearings" to understand how the electronic hearing will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt at townclerk@barnetvt.org.

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote hearing software in advance of the meeting. **If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call (802) 633-2252 or email townclerk@barnetvt.org.**

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - Public comment
- C. Review, discuss, and accept public comment on each of the following Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warning:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a Treasurer for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 5. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 6. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 7. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 8. To elect a First Constable for a term of two years.
- ARTICLE 9. To elect a Second Constable for a term of two years.
- ARTICLE 10. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds for term of three years.
- ARTICLE 11. To elect a Library Trustee for a term of five years.
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont?
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?
- ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to

Habitat for Humanity in the Northeast Kingdom?

- ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?
- ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 23. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?
- ARTICLE 24. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?
- ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?
- ARTICLE 26. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?
- ARTICLE 28. Shall the voters authorize property taxes to become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 16, 2021 with said taxes to be actually received by the said treasurer on or before the due date without regard to postmark; and thereafter said taxes shall be payable to the Collector of Delinquent Tax with interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months and thereafter at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law?
- ARTICLE 29. Shall the Town of Barnet raise the sum of \$1,607,574.21 to pay for the general fund for the Town of Barnet during the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2021?

- D. Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
- E. Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR REMOTE HEARINGS

Remote Public Informational Hearing

The public informational hearing will be conducted remotely via electronic means. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearing by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing the Hearing

Please refer to the hearing notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote hearing. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting “room” until granted access to the hearing. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the hearing.

Participation

The Selectboard will open the meeting, then turn the meeting over to the Moderator, who will follow the agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the designated public comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed.

Initially, the hearing host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Moderator.

Please review the following guidelines:

- The Moderator will invite comment:
 - during the time designated on the agenda for public comment;
 - during any open public comment period, if applicable; and
 - other times as determined by the Moderator.
- When a participant/attendee is unmuted, they must state their name before commenting.

When the Selectboard adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by turning off/closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the hearing will be made available in accordance with VT’s Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

To learn more about Remote Public Hearings and the Open Meeting Law, please visit the Secretary of State’s Municipal Assistance webpage at <https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/laws-resources/covid-19-response/>.