



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF BRANDON, VERMONT  
MARCH 5, 2024**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

<b>TOWN ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>	<b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE BRANDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	<b>ARTICLE 4</b>
<b>FOR TOWN MODERATOR (1 YEAR TERM)</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>	<b>(2 YEAR TERM)</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>	Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$7,000 for the Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee, to support activities offered at the Independence Day celebration, to be raised by property taxes?
<b>BILL MOORE</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>DAVID ROBERTS</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTBOARD (3 YEAR TERM)</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>	<b>ARTICLE 2.</b>	<b>ARTICLE 5</b>
<b>DOUG BAILEY</b> <input type="radio"/>	Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon authorize total general fund expenditures of Three Million, Seven Hundred Ninety-six Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$3,796,180) for the FY 2024-2025 budget year, of which the sum of Five Hundred Twenty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$524,670) is to be raised by non-tax revenues and Three Million Two Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Five Hundred and Ten (\$3,271,510) is to be raised by property taxes?	Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$25,000 for the Brandon American Legion Post #55, to be raised by property taxes?
<b>DAVID SNOW</b> <input type="radio"/>		<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTBOARD (1 YEAR TERM)</b> Vote for not more than <b>TWO</b>		<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>DAVID J. ATHERTON</b> <input type="radio"/>		<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>RALPH ETHIER</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 6</b>
<b>RAY MARCOUX</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>	Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$1,000 for the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce, for the improvement and advancement of businesses and community in Brandon, to be raised by property taxes?
<b>HEATHER FJELD NELSON</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>AIDA NIELSEN</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 3</b>	<b>ARTICLE 7</b>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$4,000 for ARC-Rutland to support community and social opportunities for local citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities, to be raised by property taxes?	Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$82,580 for the Brandon Area Rescue Squad Inc., to support volunteer emergency medical services, to be raised by property taxes?
<b>FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b> (3 YEAR TERM) Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b>	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>LAURA MINER</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		

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<p><b>ARTICLE 8</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$92,000 for the Brandon Free Public Library, to support the programs, resources, and community activities of the library, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 12</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$1,000 for the Open Door Clinic, Community Health Services of Addison County, to support access to free dental and healthcare to those who are uninsured or under-insured, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 16</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$10,200 for the VNA &amp; Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR), to support home care, hospice, and community health services, to be raised by property taxes?</p>
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 9</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$5,000 for the Brandon Museum at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace Community Center, Inc, to protect and maintain the building and historical artifacts, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 13</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$550 for RSVP &amp; The Volunteer Center, to support free income tax preparation and volunteer placements, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 17</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Brandon vote to assess an 8% penalty on late payment of taxes on 6/15 of each fiscal tax year, 30 days after the final tax installment due date of 5/15, thereby giving taxpayers a 30-day notice of penalty assessment?</p>
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 10</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$15,500 for Brandon Senior Citizens Center, Inc, to support free community lunches, and activities and programs at the center, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 14</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$1,500 for Rutland County Humane Society, to support shelter and care of companion animals, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 18</b></p> <p>ADVISORY/INFORMATION QUESTION FOR SELECT BOARD GUIDANCE</p> <p>The town of Brandon's police force is currently able to provide 24-hour coverage through reliance on overtime and an on-call system. To provide full 24-hour coverage, the town would incur additional expense in hiring officer(s) to fill that schedule. Should the Select Board consider adding an additional police officer(s) to increase coverage to 24-hour on-duty coverage?</p>
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 11</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$3,000 for the Charter House Coalition, to support community meals and emergency shelter programs, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 15</b></p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$2,900 for the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, to support meals on wheels, case management and other elderly services, to be raised by property taxes?</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>BOND ARTICLE I</b> - Shall general obligation bonds, notes, other forms of indebtedness or other financing obligations or arrangements of the Town of Brandon in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of constructing a 150 kW net metered solar array on land leased from the Brandon Industrial Corporation on Robert Wood Drive in Brandon, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)?</p>		
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>		

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