

**TOWN OF BRANDON
WARNING FOR EVENING MEETING
MARCH 4, 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Brandon, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to convene at the **Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** to transact the following business:

1. To hear a presentation by the Select Board of its recommended budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. This budget and appropriations will be voted by Australian Ballot on March 5, 2024 at the Brandon American Legion Post #55, 550 Franklin Street, Brandon, VT, between the hours of 10 am and 7 pm.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon exempt the buildings and property belonging to Brandon Area Rescue Squad located at 1338 Franklin Street (parcel ID 0086-1338) from **municipal property tax and education property tax** for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 3840?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon exempt the buildings and property belonging to the Brandon Masonic Association located at 1046 Park Street (parcel ID 0030-1066) from **municipal property tax and education property tax** for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 3840?
4. To hear a presentation by the Select Board for the purpose of constructing a 150 kW net metered solar array on land leased from the Brandon Industrial Corporation on Robert Wood Drive in Brandon. This bond will be voted by Australian Ballot on March 5, 2024 at Brandon American Legion Post #55, 550 Franklin Street, Brandon, VT.
5. To transact any other business proper to be done when met.
6. Adjourn.

**TOWN OF BRANDON
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
FOR MARCH 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Brandon, Vermont are further notified and warned that ballots for the following articles will be mailed to all registered, active voters and they may return them by mail or drop them off at the town offices or meet at the **Brandon American Legion Post #55, 550 Franklin Street, Brandon, VT on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** to vote in person by Australian Ballot or to drop off mailed ballots on the following matters:

1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator	One for one-year term
Selectboard.....	One for three-year term
Selectboard.....	Two for one-year term
Trustee of Public Funds.....	One for three-year term
Library Trustee.....	One for two-year term
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$25,000 for the Brandon American Legion Post #55, to be raised by property taxes?
6. 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?

7. 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?
8. 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?
9. 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?
10. 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?
11. 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?
12. 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?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$550 for RSVP & The Volunteer Center, to support free income tax preparation and volunteer placements, to be raised by property taxes?
14. 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?
15. 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?
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Brandon appropriate \$10,200 for the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR), to support home care, hospice, and community health services, to be raised by property taxes?
17. 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?
18. **ADVISORY/INFORMATION QUESTION FOR SELECT BOARD GUIDANCE**
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?

Bond Article I

1. 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)?

Select Board Signed and Certified January 22, 2024

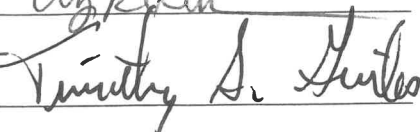
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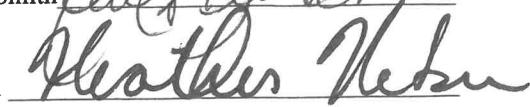
Cecil Reniche-Smith



Timothy Guiles



Heather Nelson



Brian Coolidge

Adopted and approved at a duly warned meeting of the Select Board of the Town of Brandon called, noticed and held on January 22, 2024. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Brandon on January 23, 2024.