

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT
CHESTER, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval (●) at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark the oval.

<p>TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p>One year term Vote for one</p> <p>WILLIAM E. DAKIN, JR. 498 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</p> <p>One year term Vote for two</p> <p>LEIGH J. DAKIN 377 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JEFFERY HOLDEN 328 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>WILLIAM (WILL) K. HOSER 269 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY</p> <p>Three year term Vote for three</p> <p>LYZA DANGER GARDNER 420 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT NIED 415 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DONNA M. SHIELDS 420 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</p> <p>Three year term Vote for one</p> <p>SCOTT BLAIR 245 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HEATHER CHASE 251 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JEANNIE WADE 29 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</p> <p>Three year term Vote for one</p> <p>SHIRLEY BARRETT 493 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p>GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR</p> <p>Three year term Vote for two</p> <p>DEB BROWN 444 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSH SCHROEDER 386 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) _____ <input type="radio"/></p>

ARTICLES

<p>ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paving Lovers Lane Road and Popple Dungeon Road (portion between new road construction and the dirt road)? Said paving to be financed for a term of 5 years.</p>	<p>465 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>82</p>
<p>ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,342,887.01 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 15, 2021, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.</p>	<p>YES 488 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NO 53 <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$887,249.36 to be allocated as follows: \$18,750 to be used for the purchase of air paks for the Fire Department; \$10,000 to be used to purchase signage for the town; \$200,000 to be used as match for the Depot Street Sidewalk Grant; \$41,000 to be used to purchase a Police Cruiser; \$146,610.80 to be used to pay previously approved equipment loans; and \$470,888.56 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.</p>	<p>468 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>73</p>
<p>ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, less any trade in. Said dump truck to be financed for a term of 5 years beginning in 2022, as illustrated in the Capital Plan.</p>	<p>477 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NO 68 <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Chester Rod & Gun Club.</p>	<p>354 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>NO 180 <input type="radio"/></p>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 7:	To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Green Mountain Softball, Inc.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ³⁷⁹ NO <input type="radio"/> ¹³⁴
ARTICLE 8:	To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Olive Branch Lodge.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ³³⁵ NO <input type="radio"/> ¹⁹²
ARTICLE 9:	Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizen of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁵¹² NO <input type="radio"/> ²⁹
ARTICLE 10:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Independence Day, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁰⁷ NO <input type="radio"/> ¹²²
ARTICLE 11:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁵⁰⁷ NO <input type="radio"/> ³³
ARTICLE 12:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁶⁴ NO <input type="radio"/> ⁷⁰
ARTICLE 13:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input type="radio"/> ⁴⁸⁴ NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁵⁴
ARTICLE 14:	Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁶⁹ NO <input type="radio"/> ⁶⁸
ARTICLE 15:	Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁵⁰⁷ NO <input type="radio"/> ³²
ARTICLE 16:	Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁶⁵ NO <input type="radio"/> ⁷⁰
ARTICLE 17:	Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input type="radio"/> ⁴⁷¹ NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁶⁴
ARTICLE 18:	Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input type="radio"/> ⁴⁸⁰ NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁵⁷
ARTICLE 19:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input type="radio"/> ⁴⁹⁷ NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴¹
ARTICLE 20:	To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁹⁵ NO <input type="radio"/> ⁴⁵
ARTICLE 21:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁰⁴ NO <input type="radio"/> ¹⁰⁰

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER ARTICLE.

Article 1:	Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, eight hundred eighty-five thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,885,535) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> ⁴⁰⁹ NO <input type="radio"/> ¹⁹¹
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Green Mountain Unified School District

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS: If you favor the Article, make a cross (X) in the YES square. If you oppose the Article, make a cross in the NO square.

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of Green Mountain Unified School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$14,241,241.00 which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuring fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,421.00 per equalized pupil.

546 YES, I approve of the Article

293 NO, I do not approve of the Article

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