

## TOWN OF SHARON

### NOTICE and AGENDA

#### REMOTE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT INFORMATIONAL HEARING

**6:30PM MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**

#### **HOW WILL WE TRANSACT BUSINESS AT TOWN MEETING?**

Due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID19, the Sharon Selectboard (and School Board) has taken formal action to move *ALL business* warned for our annual Town Meeting on May 8, 2021 to Australian Ballot. Absentee ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in mid-April. Return your voted ballots as soon as possible. They must be received at the Town Offices no later than the close of polls, May 8, 2021 7:00PM.

The polls will open for Town and School District in-person voting at 10:00AM, Saturday MAY 8, 2021 in the Town Offices, 15 School Street. The polls will close at 7:00PM. All questions pertaining to town and school voting, voter registration, and balloting should be directed to Town Clerk, Debra St. Peter. **Though you may vote in-person on Saturday, May 8, 2021 – the Selectboard strongly encourages voting by mail.**

#### **HOW CAN WE DISCUSS THE BUDGET OR ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON?**

The Selectboard is required, by statute, to host a public information meeting to discuss Australian ballot articles on the town meeting warning with the voters.

The Selectboard will convene its virtual public information meeting at 6:30PM, Monday, May 3, 2021. This is the only opportunity to *DISCUSS ballot articles* as a community.

#### **TO ACCESS THIS VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

- **By telephone:** Dial 1-929-436-2866. When prompted enter the meeting ID: 970 4463 3350. Passcode: 536485. To comment *raise your hand* by punching \*9.
- **By computer:** Download digital meeting software from <https://zoom.us>. Join meeting by clicking here: <https://zoom.us/j/97044633350?pwd=NHVHYU1oaGtxbUpsdVBLanBrbFVyUT09>
- **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the Zoom app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to Join meeting and enter the meeting ID Meeting ID: 970 4463 3350. To comment *Raise Your Hand in Zoom*.

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**MAY 3, 2021**  
**Australian Ballot Informational Hearing**

**AGENDA**

1. 6:15PM Connect to Meeting via Zoom
2. 6:30PM Call to Order
3. Introductory Remarks
4. To Hear the reports of Town Officers
  - Public comments
5. **Reading of articles to be voted on by Australian Ballot followed by discussions of each articles:**

**Article 1.** To elect the following Town Officers:

- Town Moderator for 1 year term
- Town Clerk for a 3 year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year term
- Selectboard for 3 year term
- Lister for 3 year term
- 1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a 1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds – 3 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds – 1 year remaining in 3 year term
- Trustee of Baxter Library – 3 year term
- Trustee of Chester Downer Fund – 3 year term

**Article 2.** Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon appropriate the amount of **\$1,688,743** for necessary Town expenses, including highways, of which **\$1,266,569** shall be raised by property taxes?

**Article 3.** Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize the Town Treasurer to collect General Fund, Highway Fund, and School District current taxes on real and personal estate?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two (2) installments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 the first being on or before **Wednesday, September 15, 2021** and the second being on or before **Wednesday, February 16, 2022?**

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon vote that overdue taxes shall bear an interest rate of one percent (1%) per month or part thereof for each installment until paid in full, and a late fee of eight percent (8%) following any delinquency after the second installment due date?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters direct the Sharon Selectboard to acquire from the Alliance for Vermont Communities approximately 149.7 acres of land (Sharon land parcel number R1758S2), contingent upon the Selectboard's subsequent agreement:

- on the terms of a conservation easement for the property;

- on the terms of an agreement for the acquisition of the property; and
- on other terms relating to future management of the property with the Town of Strafford (owner of an adjacent land parcel in Strafford), the Alliance of Vermont Communities, and the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board?

## **6. Adjourn Meeting**