

TOWN OF SHARON

NOTICE and AGENDA

REMOTE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT INFORMATIONAL HEARING

6:00PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

HOW WILL WE TRANSACT BUSINESS AT TOWN MEETING?

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the spread of COVID, the Sharon Selectboard has taken formal action to move *ALL business* to be conducted at Town Meeting on March 1st, 2022 to Australian Ballot. Absentee ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in mid-February.

The polls will open for Town and School District in-person voting at 7:00AM, TUESDAY, MARCH 1st, 2022 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, Catherine Sartor. **Though you may vote in-person on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 – 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 articles to be discussed appear on the agenda enclosed with this notice and as published in the 2021 Sharon Town Report, and posted at the USPS in Sharon, Town Clerk's Office, and on the Town website <https://sharonvt.net>.

The Selectboard will convene this virtual public information meeting at 6:00PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022. This is the only opportunity to *DISCUSS ballot articles* as a community.

TO ACCESS THIS VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

- **By computer:** Download digital meeting software from <https://zoom.us>. Join the meeting by clicking here:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86857563478?pwd=ZEFSMU9ZZmNrNXh3QlQxRmUzMjFyQT09>
If prompted enter Meeting ID: 868 5756 3478 and then Passcode: 657254.
- **By Smart Phone/One tap mobile:** enter phone number +1 929 436 2866; when prompted enter meeting ID 868 575 63478 followed by passcode 657254. To comment: Raise Your Hand in Zoom.
- **By Telephone:** Dial from your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York); enter Meeting ID: 868 5756 3478 followed by Passcode: 657254. To comment *raise your hand* by punching *9.

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*This meeting will be conducted in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting law requirements for meetings
with electronic participation*

AGENDA

***(times are approximate)**

- 1. 6:00PM Call to Order**
2. Additions or deletions to agenda
3. Selectboard Introductory Remarks

- 4. 6:15PM To Hear the reports of Town Officers**
 - Public comments

- 5. 6:20PM Reading and public discussion of articles to be voted on by Australian Ballot.**

Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers:

Town Moderator for a 1-year term
Town Treasurer for a 3-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a 1-year term
Selectboard member for a 3-year term
Lister for a 3-year term
1st Constable for a 1-year term
Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term
Trustee of Baxter Library for a 3-year term
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Trustee of Chester Downer Fund for a 3-year term

- Candidate Introductions
- Brief Question and Answer Session with Candidates

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon appropriate the amount of **\$1,861,675** for necessary Town expenses, including highways, of which **\$1,320,000** shall be raised by property taxes?

- Public Comments

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?

- Public Comments

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, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the first being on or before **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**, and the second being on or before **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**?

- Public Comments

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?

- Public Comments

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

- Public Comments

Article 7. Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by postcard, mailed to registered voters, at least 30 days before the annual meeting instead of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)?

- Public Comments

Article 8. Shall the town no longer elect or appoint a second constable?

- Discussions to follow.

6. Discussion of other non-binding business

7. Entertain Motion to adjourn

Date Posted: _____