



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT
March 07, 2023**

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 his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- 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.**

SELECTMAN 2 Years Vote for not more than ONE	MODERATOR 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE	TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE
JOSEPH BARBER <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	BILL HESSION <input type="radio"/>
NAOMI MILLER <input type="radio"/>	DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		FIRST CONSTABLE 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE
SELECTMAN 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	MERTON SNOW <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
TONY D'ONOFRIO <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	SECOND CONSTABLE 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE
KEN HARRINGTON <input type="radio"/>	AUDITOR 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
ANTHONY (TONY) KRULIKOWSKI <input type="radio"/>	LISA LENT <input type="radio"/>	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

ARTICLES

1. Shall bonds of the Town of Shaftsbury to the amount of \$1,780,000 be issued under subchapter 2 of chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, payable only from net revenues derived from the water public utility system, for the purpose of paying for the following public utility project? Phase 1 water main replacement project along VT Route 7A, Church Street, and VT Route 67.

YES

NO

2. Shall the voters of the Town of Shaftsbury approve the following amendment to the Shaftsbury Zoning Bylaws:

Changes to definitions changes shown in italics and "strike through."

Dwelling Unit, Accessory: An efficiency or one bedroom Dwelling Unit located within or appurtenant to an owner occupied One Family Dwelling that is clearly subordinate to the One Family Dwelling, which has provisions for independent living, including sleeping, food preparation, and sanitation, provided that the property has sufficient wastewater capacity and that the unit does not exceed ~~30~~ 50 percent of the total habitable floor area of the One Family Dwelling, but is at least 400 square feet in floor area. *Larger existing structures such as barns or carriage houses may be renovated for this purpose but the Dwelling Unit shall comply with the 50 percent threshold.*

YES

NO

3. Shall the voters of the Town of Shaftsbury approve the following amendment to the Shaftsbury Zoning Bylaws:

Manufactured Home (or Mobile Home or *Tiny House or Home*): A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "Manufactured Home" does not include a "Recreational Vehicle". ~~Said structure is designed and approved for use by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and carries a label approving it for said use. Manufacturer's installation instructions are considered to be a part of the requirements for the placement of a Manufactured Home on a site as a One Family Dwelling.~~

YES

NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

4. Shall the voters of the Town of Shaftsbury approve the following amendment to the Shaftsbury Zoning Bylaws:

New section
8.18

No new public or member-limited facility the purpose of which is the promoting of or the discharge of munitions is permitted in the Town of Shaftsbury.

YES

NO

5. Shall the voters of the Town of Shaftsbury approve the following amendment to the Shaftsbury Zoning Bylaws:

New section

Section 9.1.5 Amending a Zoning Permit or Site Plan

A. Upon written request from the applicant, the Zoning Administrator may, prior to completion or occupancy, amend a zoning permit or approved site plan upon finding that the proposed change:

- (1) Is not a material change; and
- (2) Does not affect the type, character, or intensity of the approved development or use to the extent specified below:
 - (a) Any proposed change shall not result in an increased requirement for parking or loading spaces.
 - (b) Any proposed change in building footprint shall not exceed 5% or 100 square feet, whichever is less.
 - (c) Any proposed substitution of planting materials shall not change the overall landscape design concept.

(A material change means a change in the planned use or development of land or a structure that may have affected the decision made or any conditions placed on the permit if it had been included in the plans as approved.)

B. The Zoning Administrator shall:

- (1) Require that the owners of properties adjoining the subject property be notified and have an opportunity to comment prior to acting on the amendment request.

C. The Zoning Administrator may:

- (1) Decline to amend an approved site plan and refer the request to the Development Review Board (see Section 4306).
- (2) Require the applicant to submit an application for a new zoning permit.

D. Where the Zoning Administrator amends a zoning permit or approved site plan, such approval will not change the expiration date of the permit.

E. Once development for a permit is complete, a new application is required for any amendments.

YES

NO

6. Shall the voters of the Town of Shaftsbury approve the following amendments to the Shaftsbury Zoning Bylaws:

Changes to existing sections are shown in italics

Subdivision Regulations

7.3 Open Space Subdivision

The Development Review Board must require developers to implement an open space design when failure to do so would result in one or more of the following:

- 1. A significant reduction in the agricultural use potential of the land, *where "significant" means a reduction in area of 50% or more or any contiguous prime or statewide significant agricultural soils;*
- 2. *Noticeable change to the natural appearance* of a hillside, ridgeline, or open field as viewed from *any public thoroughfare in the Town;*
- 3. *Permanent* encroachment upon a natural area, wildlife habitat, or stream, wetland, vernal pool, or other water *body;*
- 4. Elimination of public access to a recreational resource;
- 5. Soil erosion, ground or surface water contamination, or *other circumstances that impact* environmental quality.
- 6. *Fragmentation of a forest block or wildlife corridor as illustrated in Shaftsbury Town Plan Maps 4.1 (Terrestrial and Aquatic Systems) and 4.2 (Rare Species and Natural Communities).*

YES

NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS TO DETERMINE:

1. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,225 to Bennington Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?	11. Shall the Town appropriate \$25,200 to the John G. McCullough Free Library?	21. Shall the Town appropriate \$300 to the VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired?
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
2. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000 to the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless?	12. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 to the Martha Canfield Library?	22. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the VT Center for Independent Living?
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
3. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Bennington Free Clinic?	13. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,500 to the Paran Recreations, Inc.?	23. Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse?
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
4. Shall the Town appropriate \$18,630 to the Bennington Free Library?	14. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,500 to the Park McCullough House?	24. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000 to Shires Media Partnership (WBTN)??
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
5. Shall the Town appropriate \$600 to Bennington Little League?	15. Shall the Town appropriate \$450 to the Project Against Violent Encounters?	25. Shall the Town appropriate \$750 to Bennington Senior Center?
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
6. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,500 to the Bennington Project Independence, Inc.?	16. Shall the Town appropriate \$950 to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?	26. Shall the Town appropriate \$3740 to Bennington County Conservation District?
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
7. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,700 to the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council?	17. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,500 to the Shaftsbury Historical Society, Inc.?	
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$600 to the Center for Restorative Justice?	18. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Sunrise Family Resource Center?	
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$200 to the Green-Up Vermont?	19. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,100 to the SW Vermont Council on Aging?	
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,850 to the Habitat for Humanity?	20. Shall the Town appropriate \$900 to the Tutorial Center?	
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT