

**Warning**  
**Town of Greensboro’s Annual Town Meeting on March 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at Lakeview Elementary School, 189 Lauredon Avenue, in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 am to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to govern said Town for the coming year.

Article 2: To take action on the Town of Greensboro’s Annual Report.

Article 3: To elect Town officers and school district officers required by law, and one or more library trustees:

Office	Term	Elected
Selectboard	3 years	
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Cemetery Commissioner	3 years	
Library Trustee	3 years	
Library Trustee	3 years	
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	
Mountain View Union Elem. School District	2 years	
Hazen Union School Director	3 years	

Article 4: Shall the Town approve transferring \$234,260 of the General Fund’s Fund Balance to the Capital Budget Fund before the end of fiscal year 2024 in order to replenish the balance in the Capital Budget Fund? During the earlier part of fiscal year 2024, an unplanned \$234,260 was spent from the Capital Budget Fund to pay for the bridge replacement on Craftsbury Road over Porter Brook.

Article 5: Shall the Town approve transferring \$7,000 from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund’s Fund Balance before the end of fiscal year 2024 to the Capital Budget Fund to be used as determined by the Selectboard? As of now, \$7,000 of Town money is commingled with State money in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.

Article 6: Shall the Town approve spending \$120,000 to fund the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF, a reserve fund) for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)?

Article 7: Shall the Town approve spending \$175,000 to fund the Capital Budget Fund (a reserve fund) for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)?

Article 8: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to the organizations listed below?

APPROPRIATIONS	
Hardwick Rescue Squad	\$30,800
Greensboro Nursing Home	\$23,000
Craftsbury Community Care Center	\$10,500
4 Seasons of Early Learning	\$9,500
Rural Arts	\$3,500
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	\$2,500
AWARE	\$2,000
NEK Human Services	\$1,524
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$1,500
Caledonia Home Health	\$1,400
Lamoille Family Center	\$1,000
NEK Council on Aging	\$1,000
Rural Community Transportation	\$900
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	\$800
Salvation Farms	\$750
Orleans County Historical Society	\$700
NVDA (Northeastern VT Development Assoc.)	\$689
North Country Animal League	\$600
Craftsbury Saplings	\$500
VCRD (VT Council on Rural Development)	\$500
NEKCA (NEK Community Action)	\$300
NEK Learning Services	\$300
Red Cross	\$250
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$210
Green Up	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,823</b>

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to Neighbors In Action?

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to the organizations listed below?

Greensboro Free Library	\$41,000
Greensboro Historical Society	\$6,000
Caspian Lake Beach Committee	\$4,500
Greensboro Recreation Committee	\$4,000
Greensboro Conservation Commission	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,500</b>

Article 11: Shall the Town approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,956,009 which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)? This proposed budget amount: includes the \$94,823 of appropriation requests in Article 8, includes the \$58,500 of appropriation requests in Article 10, does not include the new \$500 appropriation request in Article 9, does not include the \$120,000 for the HERF in Article 6, and does not include the \$175,000 for the Capital Budget Fund in Article 7.

Article 12: Shall the Town approve giving The Nature Conservancy gravel from Greensboro's gravel pit to be used as a base material for a new 50'x80' parking lot at the trailhead for the Barr Hill Nature Preserve? The Nature Conservancy will be responsible for trucking any material.

Article 13: Shall the Town approve having the Town Treasurer serve as collector of current taxes and set the tax due date of November 7, 2024? Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

Article 14: Shall the Town approve the following resolution?

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO TO BE A POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY:**

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators are a necessary component of a healthy ecosystem and food system, providing pollination of plants in order to grow vegetables, herbs and fruits; and

WHEREAS, locally grown crops such as apples, blueberries, strawberries, squash and tomatoes depend on pollinators and thus are at risk; and

WHEREAS, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoid and other

systemic insecticides cause illness and death to bees and pollinators; and  
WHEREAS, alternative land management practices are available that dramatically increase pollinator forage while decreasing maintenance costs; and  
WHEREAS, the monetary and social costs of maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes can be less expensive than costs associated with maintaining chemically-treated monocrop landscapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Meeting of the Town of Greensboro, Vermont, that the Town of Greensboro is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community, and that the Town encourages adoption of policies and practices that protect and support pollinator health by minimizing the sale and use of insecticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Greensboro urges all Greensboro property owners, residents, businesses, institutions and neighborhoods to become more pollinator friendly by adopting practices including:

- committing to avoiding use of insecticides, including systemic insecticides on their property wherever possible;
- avoiding the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides;
- planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property, and adopting organic or chemical free lawn and landscaping practices;
- reducing mowing frequency to allow for more native plants to flower and provide food sources for pollinators; and
- focusing on planting native species wherever possible to promote pollinator food and habitat.

This resolution is non-binding and acts as a guide for the Town of Greensboro to promote practices and activities to promote pollinators. This resolution was proposed by the Greensboro Conservation Commission.

Article 15: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally be brought before this meeting.

Dated at Greensboro, Vermont this 17th day of January, 2024, by the Selectboard:

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Peter Romans, Chair

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Eric Hanson, Vice Chair

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Ellen Celnik

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Gary Circosta

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David Kelley