

WARNING
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in the said Town of Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, at 10:00am in the forenoon, to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian ballot for Article 2. Polls open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Informational Meeting for Article 2a, 2b, and 2c, to be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Bakersfield Town Hall.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
 - a. Shall the Town appropriate \$440,000.00 for ROAD WORK?
 - b. Shall the Town appropriate \$421,509.00 for the TOWN?
 - c. The Bakersfield Conservation Commission (BCC) asks the voters of Bakersfield to approve the establishment of a Conservation Reserve Fund to be allotted for conservation projects, including agriculture, forest, wildlife, recreational or other use consistent with our mission. The fund will be used to leverage additional monies to support these kinds of projects. Monies may accumulate over time before being used on a specific project. The Select Board will oversee the Fund. The BCC is asking the town for an initial investment of \$10,000.00 into this fund.
 - d. Select Board Member 3-year term.
 - e. Select Board Member 2-year term.
 - f. Lister 3-year term.
 - g. Lister 1-year of a 3-year term.
 - h. Auditor 2-year of a 3-year term.
 - i. Auditor 3-year term.
 - j. Planning Commission 2-year term.
 - k. Planning Commission 1-year of a 2-year term.
3. To act on the report of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement.
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by Law:
 - a. First Constable.
 - b. Second Constable.
 - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes.
 - d. Grand Juror.
 - e. Cemetery Commission 5-year term.

- f. Library Trustee 3-year term.
 - g. Library Trustee 1-year of a 3-year term.
 - h. Trustees of Public Funds 3-year term.
5. Shall the Town vote to have its Property Taxes due on the First Monday in October?
6. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted?
7. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes?
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for a PAVING/GRANT FUND (Matching funds for grants)?
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$34,400.00 for EQUIPMENT REPAIR FUND?
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$20,000.00 for the NEW EQUIPMENT FUND?
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$50,757.28 for the H.F. BRIGHAM LIBRARY for 2027?
13. Shall the Town authorize surplus funds in the amount of \$2589.77 from the H.F. Brigham Free Public Library's 2025 operating fund, to be transferred to the Library's Improvement Fund?
14. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 for the BAKERSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY for 2027?
15. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,500.00 for FIREWORKS for the annual July 4th celebration needs?
16. Shall the Town appropriate \$20,000.00 for Cook Cemetery and Maple Grove Cemetery for 2027?
17. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Bakersfield Veterans Memorial Committee?
18. Shall the Town appropriate the following sums of money:
 - a. \$500.00 Cat Crusaders of Franklin County, Inc.
 - b. \$600.00 Missisquoi Valley River Basin Association
 - c. \$200.00 Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation
 - d. \$1,945.50 Northwest Solid Waste District
 - e. \$5,000.00 Fairfield Community Center
 - f. \$500.00 American Red Cross
 - g. \$200.00 Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force
 - h. \$150.00 Franklin County Senior Center
 - i. \$500.00 Care Partners Adult Day Center
 - j. \$1,614.00 Northwest Regional Planning Commission
 - k. \$2,776.00 VNA & Hospice

- l. \$100.00 Green Up Vermont
- m. \$1500.00 Age Well
- n. \$1000.00 Lucas James Williams Memorial Youth Fund, Ltd.
- o. \$95.00 Vermont Center for Independent Living
- P. \$100.00 Laurie's House

19. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.

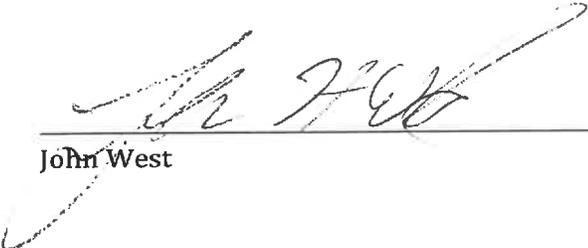
Dated the 26th day of January 2026, by the Select Board Members of the Town of Bakersfield.



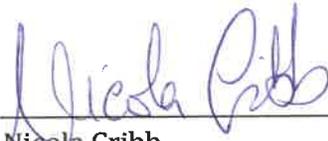
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Lance Lawyer, Vice-Chair



John West



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