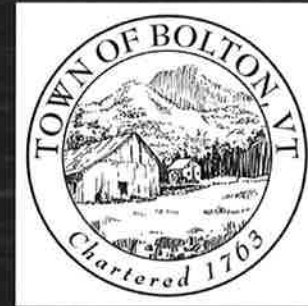
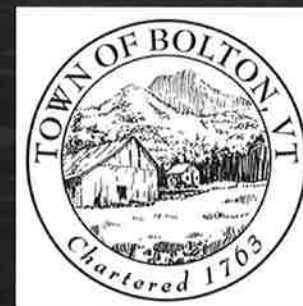


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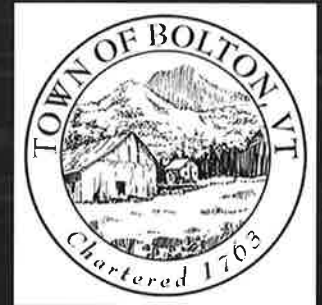


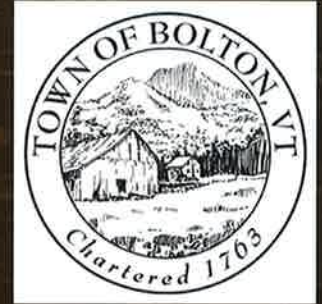
General Town Meeting Information

- ◆ The Town and MMUUSD Warnings, Notice to Voters, and sample ballots are posted at the Town Office, the Fire Station, Smilie School, and are available on the town website: <http://boltonvt.com/town-reports-and-town-meetings/>
- ◆ Printed copies of the Town Report are available 24/7 in the “BOLL” (Little Library Box) at the Town Office, and in a grey plastic bin on the porch at Smilie School. The electronic version is available on the town website: <http://boltonvt.com/town-reports-and-town-meetings/>

ARTICLE 01

5. Debt Service decreased by 23.1%, Reserve Fund allocation increased by 20.3%.
 - a) With two big ticket items on the warning for a March town vote – a new plow truck and a fire department rescue truck – you’re probably concerned about how this might affect your property taxes in the next couple of years. Understandably so! But, because of how the town plans and budgets for these “capital” purchases, they will not increase the tax rate.





ARTICLE 02

Shall the voters of the Town of Bolton vote to pay the real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments with due dates of September 15, 2021; November 15, 2021; February 15, 2022; and May 16, 2022?

1. If this Article fails to pass, then the property tax due date will default to the statutory due date of 30 days from the mailing of the property tax bills – 32 V.S.A. § 4772. **This means that 100% of property taxes would be due all at once, with NO installments, 30 days after the tax bills are mailed, which would be approximately mid-September 2021.**

ARTICLE 03

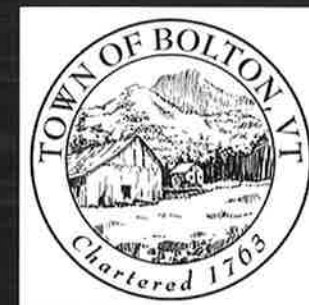


Shall the voters of the Town of Bolton authorize the Select Board to add a one quarter cent (1/4¢) addition to the tax rate to support the Conservation Fund?

1. This article is voted on annually by taxpayers and adds an additional \$2.50 to property taxes for every \$100,000 of assessed value.
2. The Conservation fund was established by voters in 2001 and was established to conserve land and water resources in Bolton for current and future generations, to sustain productive farm and forest land, to protect water quality and wildlife habitat, to provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. and to conserve important natural, historic, and scenic resources identified in the Town Plan.
3. History of Article vote: Vote failed in 2011, 2012, and 2015, passed in 2013, 2014, and 2016 – 2020. Current balance is \$33,774.41

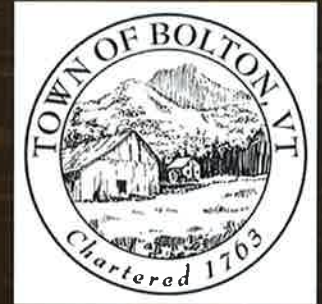
ARTICLE 04

Shall the voters of the Town of Bolton authorize the purchase or lease of a “Rescue Vehicle” (for the transport of rescue equipment) for the Bolton Fire Department, price not to exceed \$150,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed ten years?



1. The Rescue Vehicle is included in the capital plan for replacement in FY 21-22, and would replace the current vehicle, a 2002 Ford, valued at \$2,500.
2. The Rescue Vehicle is used for every Fire Department call and transports rescue equipment for fires, car accidents, water rescue (i.e., Winooski River, Bolton Potholes), and hiker and climber rescue (i.e., Long Trail, CRAGVT).
3. Fire Chief Mike Gervia contacted several vendors to obtain price quotes on which to base the \$150,000K price.

ARTICLE 04

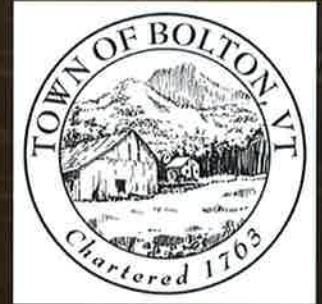


ARTICLE 05

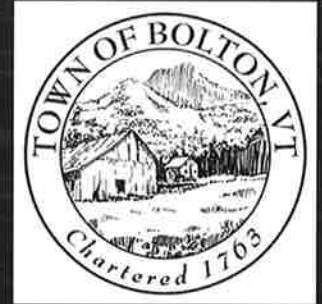
4. Replacement with a tandem truck has been requested due to multiple factors including addressing multiple safety concerns, decreased turnaround time for winter plowing (and accompanying reduction in labor costs), and the ability to haul materials for highway projects in house thereby reducing contractor expenses.
5. Highway Superintendent Larry St. Peter Jr. contacted several vendors and researched state contract pricing to obtain price quotes on which to base the \$150,000K price.



ARTICLE 05



ARTICLE 06



To elect all town officers as required by law:

1. One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three (3) years: Cheryl A. Mendicino is on the ballot as the incumbent, running un-opposed.
2. One Select Board member for a term of two (2) years: Kyle Guyette is on the ballot, running unopposed.
3. One Select Board member for a term of three (3) years: Dominic C. Ayer and Henry M. Corse are on the ballot in a contested race.
4. One Town Moderator for a term of one (1) year: Leslie Pelch is on the ballot as the incumbent, running un-opposed.
5. One Town Constable for a term of one (1) year: No candidate on the ballot.
6. One School Board Director for a term of three (3) years: Andrew Pond is on the ballot as the incumbent, running un-opposed.