

# WARNING

## 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ATHENS, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Athens are hereby notified and warned to act on the following articles on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 at 6:00pm at the Athens Community Center (Former Elementary School).

All voting for Town Officers will be by Australian ballot on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. Polls will be open between 10:00am and 7:00pm at the Athens Town Office.

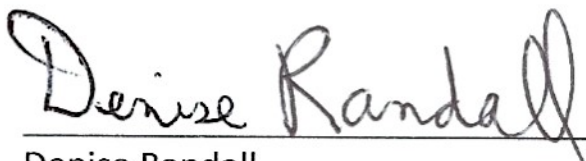
- Article 1: To act on the town report
- Article 2: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes
- Article 3: To see if the Town shall vote to collect taxes on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2024
- Article 4: To see if the Town shall vote to publish a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town Report
- Article 5: To see if the Town shall vote to approve \$643,357.36, with \$545,897.36 to be raised by taxes, to defray Town expenditures
- Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the selectboard to expend the funds in the Town Office Renovation Fund on projects including the Athens Community Center, Town Garage and Town Office
- Article 7: Shall licenses for the sale of malt beverages, vinous beverages, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages be granted in this town
- Article 8: Shall spirits and fortified wines be sold in this town
- Article 9: To see if the town shall vote to have trash and recycling pickup, starting in June 2024, as a weekly service with every other week being trash and alternating weeks being recycling, for a total amount of \$32,885.94
- Article 10: Shall the Town of Athens discontinue use of the Australian ballot system to elect officers, and instead elect its town officers from the floor at all future annual and special town meetings, pursuant to 17 VSA § 2680(b)
- Article 11: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the annual maintenance of its cemeteries
- Article 12: Shall the voters of Athens approve the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of maintaining the Athens Brick Meetinghouse
- Article 13: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,140.00 for the support of **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region
- Article 14: To see if the Town shall vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$500.00 (\$1.31 per Athens resident) for the support of **Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital**

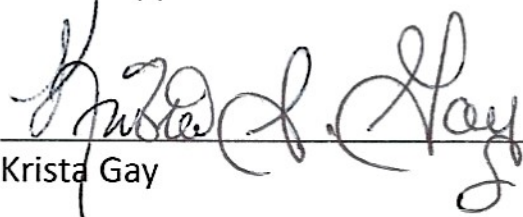
- Article 15: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to support the **Womens' Freedom Center** to provide quality advocacy and support to the women of Athens
- Article 16: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$330.00 to support **Youth Services** to serve the needs of youth and families in and around Windham County
- Article 17: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)** to assist Athens in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services
- Article 18: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the **Bellows Falls Senior Center**
- Article 19: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,350.00 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patient's homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire**
- Article 20: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to assist **Grafton Cares** in providing a variety of assistance to the people of Athens
- Article 21: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$356.00 to help support outpatient, mental health, and substance abuse service by the staff of **Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)** in accordance with 24 V. S. A. § 2691
- Article 22: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist **Senior Solutions**
- Article 23: To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to **Bull Creek Common Lands** to support local land conservation and public access in the Bull Creek watershed
- Article 24: To set the time of future town meetings
- Article 25: To transact any further business proper to come before said meeting

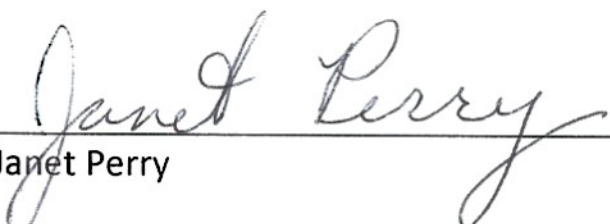
Dated this 22 Day of January 2024 at Athens, Vermont

  
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Janet Perry