

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
MARCH 5, 2024**

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR of Delaware

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MARK STEWART GREENSTEIN of Connecticut

☐

JASON MICHAEL PALMER of Maryland

☐

DEAN PHILLIPS of Minnesota

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CENK UYGUR of California

☐

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON of Washington, DC

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(Write-in)

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SAMPLE

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

RYAN L. BINKLEY of Texas



CHRIS CHRISTIE of New Jersey



RON DESANTIS of Florida



NIKKI HALEY of South Carolina



VIVEK RAMASWAMY of Ohio



DONALD J. TRUMP of Florida



(Write-in)



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024
TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT

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FOR TOWN MODERATOR	FOR LISTER	TOWN ARTICLES
One Year Term Vote for not more than ONE MICHAEL MOSER <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE LISA WRIGHT <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Article 5. Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,729,978 to be raised by taxes? <div style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></div>
FOR SELECTPERSONS Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE JOHN M. HARVEY <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR TOWN CLERK One Year Term to Finish a Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE DEBORA JASMIN <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Article 6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements? <div style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></div>
FOR SELECTPERSONS One Year Term Vote for not more than TWO JOHN CENTER <input type="radio"/> MITCH FRANKENBERG <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR QUARRY VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTOR Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE JESSIE GRABOWSKI <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of West Rutland approve the establishment of a West Rutland Asset Fund for the planning, assessment, acquisition, or improvement of assets that directly benefit the residents of West Rutland? <div style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></div>
		Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of West Rutland approve transferring Fiscal Year 2024 surplus up to \$627,690.98 resulting from one-time unanticipated revenue to the West Rutland Asset Fund? <div style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></div>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED	
Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? (\$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$4,500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) for the purposes of economic development and promotion?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 13. Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROOC - Community Action in Southern Vermont?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to support ARC - Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmentally disabled citizens?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$750 for Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 23. Shall the Town of West Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3000 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to the residents of the town?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 24. Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$500 to NewStory Center, formally the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, to support victims in Rutland County?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 25. Shall the Town of West Rutland vote pursuant to VSA 32 §3840 and beginning this fiscal year to exempt in whole the property owned by Hiram Lodge #101, "The Masons", a nonprofit organization, from taxation (municipal and education) for a period not to exceed 10 years?	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT



Articles 7 & 8

Voters at the Town Meeting in March will have the opportunity to approve two special articles aimed at establishing and funding a West Rutland Asset Fund. This fund is intended to support projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with project recommendations and approvals overseen by the Selectboard.

The ARPA funds, distributed nationwide to address pandemic-related impacts, come with specific deadline requirements. Obligations must be made by December 31, 2024, and expenditures must be completed by December 31, 2026.

The Town of West Rutland plans to utilize these ARPA funds for various projects, such as matching grant funds for the Marble Street parking lot, the Marbleway Path, and/or the replacement sidewalk on Elm Street. These projects are currently undergoing engineering and design. Additionally, funds will be allocated for other townwide projects as needed. However, there is a potential risk of losing money for projects extending beyond the 2026 federal spending deadline.

To address this risk, the West Rutland Selectboard is following the Vermont League of Cities and Town's (VLCT) two-step recommendation to preserve ARPA Funds. Firstly, the Selectboard has transferred ARPA funds into the municipal general account, creating a surplus in the current FY'24 budget year. The second step involves creating a West Rutland Asset Fund from this surplus, which will be utilized over the next few years for ARPA projects approved by the Selectboard.

By transferring the funds, the Town can report to the federal government in April 2024 that ARPA funds have been spent, meeting federal deadline requirements. This eliminates the risk associated with the funds, and the Town is no longer bound by a deadline to spend the money, ensuring the completion of various projects.

The West Rutland Selectboard has already taken the first step by voting to transfer \$627,690.98 in ARPA funds to the municipal general account, mitigating the risk of losing this money. Now, they seek voter approval to establish and fund the West Rutland Asset Fund with the surplus, completing the second step. The Selectboard encourages voters to approve Town Meeting Warning Article 7, which asks voters to establish the West Rutland Asset Fund, and Article 8, which seeks voter approval to fund it with the Fiscal Year 2024 surplus resulting from this one-time influx of ARPA money into the general fund.

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**QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
MARCH 5, 2024
POULTNEY, PROCTOR AND WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT**

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ARTICLE

Article 7

School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$20,400,847.55 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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