

## OFFICIAL BALLOT

### ANNUAL TOWN AND ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

### NORWICH, VERMONT

### March 07, 2023

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To VOTE for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For one year</p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">129</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For LISTER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1-year unexpired term</p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">212</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For five years</p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">163</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For three years</p> <p><b>TRAJMAN, LILY</b> <span style="float: right;">905</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">58</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For SELECTMAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For three years</p> <p><b>CALLOWAY, MARCIA</b> <span style="float: right;">830</span></p> <p><b>GERE, ROBERT</b> <span style="float: right;">403</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">D</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1-year unexpired term</p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">157</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For TREASURER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For three years</p> <p><b>LINDBERG, CHERYL A.</b> <span style="float: right;">1062</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">10</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For SELECTMAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For two years</p> <p><b>SMITH, PAMELA T.</b> <span style="float: right;">864</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">64</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>2-year unexpired term</p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">127</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For LISTER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For three years</p> <p><b>VINCENT, JONATHAN</b> <span style="float: right;">869</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">24</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For SELECTMAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1-year unexpired term</p> <p><b>LAMPERTI, AARON</b> <span style="float: right;">500</span></p> <p><b>VINCENT, PRISCILLA</b> <span style="float: right;">727</span></p> <p>(Write-in) <span style="float: right;">3</span></p>	

#### ARTICLES

**Article 4.** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of 16 VSA § 562(9).

1096 YES

144 NO

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District determine and fix the salaries of the School Board members in the sum of \$500 each per year for a total of \$2,500 in accordance with the provisions of 16 VSA § 562(5)?

1159 YES

96 NO

**Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District approve the school board to expend \$7,243,970 which is the amount the school has determined to be necessary for the ensuing 2023-24 fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$22,958 per equalized pupil (this includes the current proposed Dresden assessment and articles for 7-12th grade). This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.55% higher than spending for the current year?

921 YES

345 NO

**Article 7.** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Norwich Town School District in an amount not to exceed \$768,414 subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making school grounds and infrastructure upgrades, namely, the installation of a pre-treatment septic module, removal and replacement of 2 septic tanks and 1 oil tank, and repair and reinstallation of asphalt and surrounding walkway areas?

**State and/or federal funds may not be available at the time the project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid and/or state/federal infrastructure aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of receipt of State/Federal aid.**

1098 YES

160 NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 8. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Norwich Town School District in an amount not to exceed \$307,752 subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of the installation of a new playground including earth work and equipment at the Marion Cross Elementary School?

State and/or federal funds may not be available at the time the project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid and/or state/federal infrastructure aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of receipt of State/Federal aid.

830 YES   
418 NO

Article 9. Shall the voters approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$5,522,124 plus state and federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

919 YES   
324 NO

Article 10. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" Special Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of holding ARPA monies in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804?

683 YES   
510 NO

Article 11. ADVISORY VOTE: Shall the voters advise the Town to consider the appointment of a full-time police officer in addition to the three budgeted full-time police officers for a total of five including the chief?

681 YES   
574 NO

Article 12. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor hired by the Town?

467 YES   
780 NO

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize a ten-year exemption from property taxes to the Norwich Farm Foundation under the provisions of 32 VSA § 3840?

323 YES   
942 NO

Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich approve transferring \$46,800 from the General Fund that was awarded to the Fire Department from a Vermont Department of Health COVID staffing grant into the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund?

1167 YES   
84 NO

Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the selectboard to appoint the town clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e(a)(1)?

439 YES   
823 NO

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$13,920 to Advance Transit to be used to help cover operating costs and providing matching funds for grants for the support of providing public transportation services?

1186 YES   
89 NO

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate \$20,000 to the Cemetery Commission under 18 VSA § 5361 to supplement the interest from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for maintenance of the Town Cemeteries?

1024 YES   
208 NO

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center of Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?

1126 YES   
145 NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Community Access Television, Inc. (CATV) for video recordings of meetings for local government transparency?

1088 YES   
164 NO

Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings to be used for the support of programs?

1023 YES   
216 NO

Article 21. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,704.50 to the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to be used to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses?

833 YES   
376 NO

Article 22. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?

1100 YES   
155 NO

Article 23. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?

979 YES   
261 NO

Article 24. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 to Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. to be used for partial financial support of the Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. project?

1061 YES   
193 NO

Article 25. Shall the voters appropriate \$8,000 to the Norwich Historical Society and Community Center to support those programs that support the celebration of historic events?

1006 YES   
241 NO

Article 26. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to the Norwich Lions Club to be used to underwrite the fireworks for the Norwich Fair in celebration of the 260th year of the Town's Charter?

766 YES   
475 NO

Article 27. Shall the voters appropriate \$337,000 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

1150 YES   
125 NO

Article 28. Shall the voters appropriate \$337 to Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to be used for continuing public health education for Norwich residents particularly in the areas of substance abuse, elder care, oral health, emergency preparedness, and healthy living?

1076 YES   
175 NO

Article 29. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to Senior Solutions (an Area Agency on Aging) to provide social services benefitting Norwich residents aged 60 and older?

1117 YES   
144 NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 30. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,750 to SEVCA (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) to be used for emergency needs, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services, financial counseling and food and nutrition education?

1023 YES   
215 NO

Article 31. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Special Needs Support Center of the Upper Valley to help children and adults with special needs, and their families, meet their unique challenges through advocacy and program support?

1114 YES   
139 NO

Article 32. Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000 to The Family Place to be used for general program support, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support of programs such as direct service through early intervention, child care payment assistance, healthy baby visits, reach up, welcome baby, parent education, playgroups and other services?

1081 YES   
174 NO

Article 33. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?

1069 YES   
195 NO

Article 34. Shall the voters appropriate \$18,500 to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings?

1088 YES   
170 NO

Article 35. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging to be used for home delivered meals, transport and social services?

1148 YES   
116 NO

Article 36. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Windsor County Mentors to be used for mentoring youth?

1004 YES   
234 NO

Article 37. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to WISE (Women's Information Service) to be used to support WISE's crisis intervention and support services and prevention education?

1108 YES   
160 NO

Article 38. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?

961 YES   
268 NO

Article 39. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments? The first installment will be due and accepted at the Town of Norwich Finance Office on or before 6:00 pm August 30, 2023 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 6:00 pm February 9, 2024. A legible, official United States Post Office postmark/cancellation (not a postage machine date) will determine the payment date for all mailed payments. Interest on overdue taxes will be charged at 1% per month for the first three months and 1½% per month thereafter. All delinquent taxes will be subject to an 8% collection fee in accordance with Vermont Statutes after February 9, 2024.

984 YES   
243 NO

Article 40. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich limit the penalty charged by the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for payments made after the due date for payments to 4% of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?

1041 YES   
187 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

