

**Town of Norwich, Vermont
and
Norwich Town School District
Warning of Annual Meeting
March 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Norwich are hereby warned and notified to meet at Tracy Memorial Hall on March 5, 2024, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

Article 1. Elect a Moderator of the Town and School District meeting for one year.

Article 2. Elect Town and School District Officers for terms starting in 2024.

Article 3. Hear and act on the reports of the Officers of the Town and Town School District.

Article 4. Shall the voters approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$6,221,233 plus State and Federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

Article 5. Shall the voters approve the movement of all monies in Fund 10, the Police Station Fund, to Fund 47, the Public Safety Fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters approve the movement of all monies in Fund 16, Recreation Fund – Dam, to Fund 05, Recreation Facility and Improvements?

Article 7. Shall the voters approve a change in title for Fund 25 from “Fire Station Fund” to “Fire Department Apparatus Bay” with a new purpose “to be used for the repairs, replacement and maintenance of the Apparatus Bay and its mechanical equipment”?

Article 8. Shall the voters approve a change in the purpose of Fund 47, Public Safety Facility, “to be used for the repairs, replacement and maintenance of the Public Safety Facility and its mechanical equipment”?

Article 9. Shall the voters approve the creation of a Roadway Safety Fund with the purpose of purchasing materials and/or services to maintain safety on the roadways with an initial funding of \$10,000?

Article 10. Shall the voters approve the creation of a Culverts Fund with the purpose of installing and replacing culverts within the town's responsibility with an initial amount of \$150,000?

- Article 11.** Shall the voters approve the use of \$300,000 of the current surplus to fund the Fire Apparatus Fund #6?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters approve the use of \$200,000 of the current surplus to fund the Highway Garage Fund #8 for the DPW garage?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters approve the use of \$500,000 of the current surplus to fund the Tracy Hall Fund #13 for future improvements to Tracy Hall?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate \$15,947 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?
- Article 15.** 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?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center in Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000 to The Family Place to be used for general program support such as direct service through early intervention, child care payment assistance, healthy baby visits, reach up, welcome baby, parent education, playgroups and other services?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley to be used for the support of programs?
- Article 19.** 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?
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?
- Article 21.** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Junction Arts & Media (JAM, formerly known as CATV) for video recordings of meetings for local government transparency?
- Article 22.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?
- Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000 to Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. to be used for partial financial support of the Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. project?

Article 24. 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?

Article 25. 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?

Article 26. Shall the voters appropriate \$365,000 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

Article 27. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,822 to the 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?

Article 28. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to Senior Solutions (an Area Agency on Aging) to provide social services benefiting Norwich residents aged 60 and older?

Article 29. 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?

Article 30. 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?

Article 31. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?

Article 32. 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?

Article 33. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging to be used for home delivered meals, transport, and social services?

Article 34. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Windsor County Mentors to be used for mentoring youth?

Article 35. 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?

Article 36. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?

Article 37. 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, 2024 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 6:00 pm February 10, 2025. 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 a 4% collection fee in accordance with Vermont Statutes after February 10, 2025.

Article 38. To transact any other business that may legally come before the annual Norwich Town Meeting.

Article 39. 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).

Article 40. 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)?

Article 41. Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District approve the School Board to expend \$7,946,835, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing 2024-25 fiscal year?

Article 42. To transact any other business that may legally come before the annual meeting of the Norwich Town School District

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