



TOWN OF NORWICH & NORWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING WARNING and AGENDA

The Selectboard for the Town of Norwich will hold a public informational hearing at Tracy Hall on Monday, March 2nd, 2026, at 7pm to discuss the Australian Ballot articles on the 2026 Town Meeting Warning. This meeting will also be streamed on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@junctionartsandmedia.

AGENDA

- 7:00 pm - Call to Order
- Additions or deletions to the agenda.
 - Public comment.
- Review and discuss Articles 1-31 as listed in the attached Town Meeting Warning
 - Public comment follows each article separately.
- Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable).
- 9:00 pm - Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

**Town of Norwich, Vermont
and
Norwich School District
Warning of Annual Town Meeting, March 3, 2026**

The following articles will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 in Tracy Memorial Hall. Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Ballots will be available for early and absentee voting starting February 11, 2026.

Article 1. To elect the following Town and School District officers for terms starting in 2026:

- Moderator for one year (one position)
- Town Clerk for three years (one position)
- Town and School District Treasurer for three years (one position)
- Dresden-Norwich School Director for three years (two positions)
- Norwich School Director for two years (one position)
- Lister for three years (one position)
- Lister for a two-year unexpired term (one position)
- Selectboard Member for three years (one position)
- Selectboard Member for two years (one position)
- Cemetery Commissioner for five years (one position)
- Trustee of Public Funds for three years (one position)
- Trustee of Public Funds for a two-year unexpired term (one position)
- Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year unexpired term (one position)

Article 2. Shall the voters approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$6,855,322 plus State and Federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027?

Article 3. Shall the town of Norwich appropriate \$60,000 to Fund 52, the Emerald Ash Borer Response Fund, to remove ash trees along Norwich public roads due to dangerous effects of the widespread EAB infestation?

Article 4. 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 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$32,000 to the Cemetery Commission under 18 V.S.A. § 5361 to supplement the interest from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for maintenance of the Town Cemeteries?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center in Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?

Article 7. 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, childcare payment assistance, healthy baby visits, reach up, welcome baby, parent education, playgroups and other services?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley to be used for the support of programs?

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,705 to the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to be used to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses?

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?

Article 11. 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 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?

Article 13. 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 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$12,000 to the Norwich Historical Society and Community Center to support those programs that support the celebration of historic events?

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate \$395,535 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

Article 16. 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 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?

Article 21. 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 22. 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 23. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Windsor County Mentors to be used for mentoring youth?

Article 24. 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 25. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?

Article 26. Shall the voters authorize a five-year extension of the exemption from property taxes previously granted to the Root District Game Club, Inc. (Parcel I.D. #11-058.010) under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §3840?

Article 27. Shall the voters authorize a five-year extension of the exemption from property taxes previously granted to the Beaver Meadow Schoolhouse Association (Parcel I.D. #03-052.000) under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §3840?

Article 28. 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 4:30 pm August 27, 2026 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 4:30 pm February 18, 2027. 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 beginning with the first installment 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 18, 2027.

Article 29. 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 30. 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 31. Shall the voters of the Norwich School District approve the School Board to expend \$8,888,877, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

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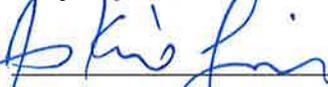
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Candidates for Office – March 3, 2026

For MODERATOR

For one year

Vote for not more than ONE

- Peter Orner

For TOWN CLERK

For three years

Vote for not more than ONE

- Lily C. Trajman

For TREASURER

For three years

Vote for not more than ONE

- Cheryl A. Lindberg

For DRESDEN-NORWICH SCHOOL
DIRECTOR

For three years

Vote for not more than TWO

- Lisa Christie
- Michael K. Costa

For NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

For two years

Vote for not more than ONE

- Garrett Palm

For LISTER

For three years

Vote for not more than ONE

- Cheryl A. Lindberg

For LISTER

Two-year unexpired term

Vote for not more than ONE

For SELECTBOARD MEMBER

For three years

Vote for not more than ONE

- Brendan Classon

For SELECTBOARD MEMBER

For two years

Vote for not more than ONE

For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

For five years

Vote for not more than ONE

- Bob Bristol

For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

For three years

Vote for not more than ONE

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Two-year unexpired term

Vote for not more than ONE

- Christie James

For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

One-year unexpired term

Vote for not more than ONE

- Pamela T Smith