

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
NORWICH, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2026

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 the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- 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 align="center">For MODERATOR</p> <p>For one year Vote for not more than One</p> <p>PETER ORNER 851 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 3 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p>For two years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>GARRETT PALM 796 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 2 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p>For five years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>BOB BRISTOL 813 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 7 <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">For TOWN CLERK</p> <p>For three years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>LILY C. TRAJMAN 874 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 9 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For LISTER</p> <p>For three years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>CHERYL A. LINDBERG 803 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 10 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</p> <p>For three years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>(Write-in) 25 <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">For TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</p> <p>For three years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>CHERYL A. LINDBERG 834 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 10 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For LISTER</p> <p>2-year unexpired term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>(Write-in) 41 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</p> <p>2-year unexpired term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>CHRISTIE JAMES 764 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 1 <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">For DRESDEN-NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p>For three years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>LISA CHRISTIE 798 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL K. COSTA 754 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 3 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For SELECTBOARD MEMBER</p> <p>For three years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>BRENDAN CLASSON 732 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 30 <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</p> <p>1-year unexpired term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>PAMELA T SMITH 675 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) 29 <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>GERE: 342 SMITH: 290</p>		

ARTICLES

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?

775 YES
 159 NO

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?

796 YES
 143 NO

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?

898 YES
 46 NO

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?

792 YES
 133 NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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?

841 YES
93 NO

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?

850 YES
83 NO

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

789 YES
129 NO

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?

678 YES
228 NO

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

820 YES
96 NO

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?

831 YES
94 NO

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

757 YES
163 NO

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?

832 YES
102 NO

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?

779 YES
146 NO

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

883 YES
58 NO

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?

775 YES
144 NO

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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?

814 YES
110 NO

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?

781 YES
139 NO

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?

817 YES
105 NO

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

823 YES
103 NO

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?

834 YES
95 NO

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?

860 YES
71 NO

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

754 YES
159 NO

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?

828 YES
99 NO

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

705 YES
193 NO

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?

633 YES
261 NO

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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?

742 YES
156 NO

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.

871 YES
39 NO

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).

818 YES
88 NO

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)?

864 YES
54 NO

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?

732 YES
193 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

