

# WARNING FOR VERNON 2025 TOWN MEETING

## WARNING TOWN OF VERNON, VERMONT 2025 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Vernon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School Gymnasium, 381 Governor Hunt Road, at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 3, 2025, in said Town to act upon Articles 4 through 31 below.

Articles 1 through 3 will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the Town Office Building, 567 Governor Hunt Rd., downstairs. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Article 1:** To elect the following Town Officers (**VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**):

**Select Board 3 yr. Term** - Sandra Harris

**Select Board 2 yr. Term** – Brandon Bucossi

**Select Board 1 yr. Term** – None

**Town Clerk** – Ian Helele  
Heidi Johnson-Clement

**Lister 3 yr. Term** – Jesse Jobin

**Delinquent Tax Collector 1 Year Term** –  
Melissa Allen  
Marylynn Scherlin

**First Constable** – Jesse Jobin

**Second Constable** – Chad Baldwin

**Town Moderator** – Kerry Amidon

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the [Vernon Town] School District approve the school board to expend \$7,680,453.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Vernon Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,743.00, which is 7.9% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year. (**VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**)

**Article 3:** To elect all Town School District Officers by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting Officers by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District. (**VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**)

**School Director 3 years** – None

**School Director 2 years** – Katherine Baldwin

**School Director 1 year** – None

**School Moderator** - None

**Article 4:** Shall the voters authorize Town General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$2,403,759.00 of which \$2,020,859.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$282,900.00 by

estimated income and \$100,000.00 to be carried over from FY23-24.

**Article 5:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$140,536.00 to be raised by taxes for administration of the Vernon Free Library?

**Article 6:** To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2026.

**Article 7:** To elect a Library Trustee to fill the expired term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2028

**Article 8:** To elect a Library Trustee to fill the expired term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2028.

**Article 9:** To choose a committee to disburse the income of the Marsh Fund.

**Article 10:** To choose a Memorial Day Committee.

**Article 11:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to be raised by taxes, to fund Vernon Historians, Inc. for the expenditures related to Vernon's historic preservation, educational promotion and required insurance?

**Article 12:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Professional Services Fund"?

**Article 13:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Emergency Repair/Replacement Fund"?

**Article 14:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Road Upgrading Fund"?

**Article 15:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Culvert Fund"?

**Article 16:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund"?

**Article 17:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "Elderly Assistance Fund"?

**Article 18:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town of Vernon-James Cusick Scholarship Fund"?

**Article 19:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$506,837.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan of which \$469,758.04 is to be raised by taxes?

**Article 20:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$16,007.85 to be raised by taxes for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to fund the previously established "Solid Waste Fund"?

*As a member of the WSWMD the Town is assessed an annual fee, which in FY 25 will be \$7,854.43 from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 and FY 26 from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 will be \$8,153.15. This cost has increased 4% in 2026. The Town is obligated to pay this annual assessment*

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*unless it officially withdraws from WSWMD, which will take 2 years in accordance with the WSWMD charter from the State of Vermont. Due to significant state mandates, particularly providing two household hazard waste collection events per year, most towns decide to remain members of WSWMD rather than provide the mandated services on their own.*

**Article 21:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$17,250.00 to be raised by taxes to help support the operating expenses and utilities of the Governor Hunt Community Center?

**Article 22:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office?

**Article 23:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help support the Gathering Place?

**Article 24:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to help support the Women's Freedom Center?

**Article 25:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 to support the services of Southeastern Vermont Community Action?

**Article 26:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,576.00 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

**Article 27:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,850.00 to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

**Article 28:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,250.00 to help the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire?

**Article 29:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to help support Senior Solutions?

**Article 30:** Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being September 11, 2025, January 8, 2026 and May 7, 2026?

**Article 31:** Shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor's Report by "postcard, mailed to all registered voters" at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report and Auditor's Report as authorized by Vermont law and 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)?

**Article 32:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

## **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:**

The Town Report and Auditors report can be found on the Town's website. Copies of the Town Report will be available at the Town Clerk's office after February 20, 2025.

*Questions? Call us at 257-0902, email [clerk@vernonvt.org](mailto:clerk@vernonvt.org), or check our website at [VernonVT.org](http://VernonVT.org).*

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