

WARNING
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VERMONT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2025 and March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at Town Hall Theatre in said Town on the 1st of March 2025 at 10:00AM for the Annual Meeting and on Tuesday March 4, 2025 between 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to act on the following:

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock are further notified that voter qualifications, registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. You must be registered to vote in the Town of Woodstock in order to vote at Town Meeting.

Saturday, March 1, 2025:
ANNUAL MEETING 10:00 A.M.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payments as November 7, 2025 and May 1, 2026 and to require payment to be received by the Town Office by close of business on those dates.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Select Board	\$1,000.00 per year
Town Treasurer	\$13,000.00 per year
Listers	\$28.99 per hour
Constable	\$25.76 per hour
Town Clerk	\$36.53 per hour
Moderator	\$100.00 each time serves

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Million Three Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Fifty Four cents (\$8,352,359.54) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount up to Seven Million Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Fifty Six cents (\$7,267,659.56) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2025-2026.

Culture and Recreation	\$ 470,000
Town Hall Building	\$ 171,738.56
General Government	\$ 1,416,093.50
Planning and Zoning	\$ 175,041
Town Clerk	\$ 194,340
Town Highways	\$ 2,013,310

Cemetery Maintenance	\$24,000
Sanitation	\$27,045
Welcome Center	\$87,080.54
Ambulance Department	\$1,566,929.54
Health Officer	\$2,450
Fire Department	\$703,814.49
Communications – Dispatch	\$506,451.24
Constable	\$10,850
Town Police	\$473,270.67
Select Board Contingency	\$454,845
Irene Bond	\$55,100
Total	\$8,352,359.54

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty Three Thousand Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$1,443,076.55), which includes up to One Million Four Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Three Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$1,400,573.55), from user fees and up to Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$42,500) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2025-2026.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$735,226.17), which includes up to Four Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Thirty Seven Cents (\$487,845.37) from user fees and Two Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$247,380.80) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the water department for FY 2025-2026.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars and Fifty Four Cents (\$183,806.54), from user fees and from other revenues, to pay the expenses and debt of the water department from April 2025 through June 2025.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote, pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. section 2804, to create an Infrastructure Reserve Fund whose purpose is to fund infrastructure within the Town of Woodstock.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to have all revenue received by the Town from the 1% local options sales tax (passed on March 2024) deposited into the Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of Woodstock establish a reserve fund to be called the Discretionary Reserve Fund to be used at the discretion of the Selectboard in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of Woodstock, in the event that after the yearly audit the Undesignated Fund Balance exceeds 15% of the current fiscal year budget, grant the Selectboard the authority to transfer the surplus funds over 15% to fund the Discretionary Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters of Woodstock authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor or assessors who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to eliminate the elected Auditor positions in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651b and enter into a contract with a public accountant or auditor's firm licensed in this State to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the Town except the funds audited pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 323.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to provide notice of the availability of the annual report by making formal announcements in a publicly warned meeting and posting on the Town's website at least 30 days before the annual meeting instead of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a).

ARTICLE 15: To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal Action

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2025: AUSTRALIAN BALLOT- 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 16: The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including:

- Selectboard (3-year term)
- Selectboard (2-year term)
- Moderator (1-year term)
- Lister (3-year term)
- Auditor (1-year term)
- Auditor (2-year term)

Auditor (3-year term)
Cemetery Commissioner (3-year term)
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Trustee of Public Funds (3-year term)
Grand Juror (1-year term)
First Constable (1-year term)
Town Agent (1-year term)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) to continue to fund and support individuals with limited financial needs to help meet critical health and wellness needs.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to Woodstock Community Television (WCTV) to provide services to Woodstock Residents.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to Windsor County Mentors for youth mentoring services.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000 (One Thousand dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Woodstock through volunteer service.

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) for Senior Solutions, the nonprofit area agency on aging serving Southeastern Vermont, to serve older Vermonters and younger disabled Vermonters with nutrition and wellness programs, application assistance for state and federal benefit programs, Medicare enrollment guidance, long term care Medicaid program care coordination, Volunteer Visitor programs, and more, in accordance with 24 V.S.A Section 2691 (social services for town residents).

ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the Woodstock History Center in support of their educational mission.

ARTICLE 24: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three Thousand dollars) to Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to provide free community flu vaccine clinics, improve access to services for older adults, and ensure core public health services.

ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed, and included. There is no charge to attend our program.

ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,247 (Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven dollars) to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) to help support outpatient mental health and substance use services to Woodstock residents.

ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to support the mission of WISE providing free and confidential 24-hour crisis support services and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and stalking.

ARTICLE 28: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$8000 (Eight Thousand dollars) to Ascutney Hospital and Health Center to support the Community Care Coordinator position, an initiative dedicated to providing in-home care coordination for Woodstock area residents.

ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,000 (Forty-Two Thousand Dollars) for the support of Pentangle Arts, founded in 1974 to provide arts programming for area schools, live performances, and feature film screenings 42 weekends for audiences of all ages.

ARTICLE 30: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the land and buildings owned by the Zack's Place Center for a period of 5 years.

- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including education, highway, and town general.
- B) Exemption from the educational property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

ARTICLE 31: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the support of Woodstock Area Adult Day Services dba Scotland House Adult Day Care to provide services to residents of the Town.

ARTICLE 32: Shall the voters of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$43,200), for the support of services of the Woodstock Area Council on Aging doing The Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services that assist residents to age well.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 29th day of January 2025.

By the Select Board members of the TOWN OF WOODSTOCK:

Ray Bourgeois

Ray Bourgeois (Jan 29, 2025 16:51 EST)

Ray Bourgeois, Chair

Susan B. Ford

Susan B. Ford (Jan 29, 2025 16:59 EST)

Susan Ford, Vice-Chair

Keri Cole

Keri Cole (Jan 29, 2025 16:53 EST)

Keri Cole

Greg Fullerton

Greg Fullerton (Jan 29, 2025 17:41 EST)

Greg Fullerton

Laura Powell

Laura Powell (Jan 29, 2025 17:25 EST)

Laura Powell

F. Charles Degener III

F. Charles Degener, III

Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Woodstock residents not on the voter checklist may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall.