

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF WATERBURY
TO BE HELD MARCH 3, 2026**

The inhabitants of the Town of Waterbury who are legal voters in Town Meetings are hereby notified and warned to conduct business to meet in the Brookside Primary School Gym at 47 Stowe Street at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 3rd, 2026 to act on the following matters:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at the meetings of the Town whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To elect by Australian ballot the following offices: one Select Board member for 3-year term and two Select Board members for 1-year term each; Clerk for 1-year unexpired term; Treasurer for 1-year unexpired term; Lister for a 3-year term; Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term; Library Commissioner for a 5-year term.

Article 3: To elect by Australian ballot for the Harwood Unified Union School District: School Director for 3-year term; School Director for 1-year unexpired term.

Article 4: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Waterbury in an amount not to exceed Four Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,300,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid which is expected in at least the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000 000), be issued for the purpose of creating flood storage capacity at Randall Meadow to reduce the impact of flooding for significant portions of the Town of Waterbury's downtown?

Note: The polls for voting by Australian ballot on Articles 2, 3 and 4 will be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon to seven o'clock in the afternoon at Brookside Primary School at 47 Stowe Street.

Article 5: To act upon the reports of the several Town Officers with the exception of claims for fees or compensation during 2025.

Article 6: To act with respect to claims of Town Officers for their services during 2025.

Article 7: Shall the tax warrant on real property be dated July 1, 2026, and the taxes be due in two installments, with the first installment due and payable on August 14th, 2026 and the second installment due and payable on November 6th, 2026?

Article 8: Shall each tax installment be paid in hand at the Municipal Office by 4:30 p.m. on the due date without discount, and interest be charged at the maximum allowed by statute, not to exceed one and one-half percent per month or portion thereof on each installment, and a late penalty of eight percent be charged as allowed by statute on taxes not paid when due?

Article 9: Shall the voters approve a total of \$3,857,386 in general expenses and related transfers for capital expenses, \$1,981,920 in highway and related transfers for capital expenses, \$653,040 in library expenses, and \$65,140 in cemetery expenses; and \$478,000 in capital expenses; the totality of general and capital fund expenses will require \$4,585,774 to be raised by property taxes and \$1,971,712 anticipated from other non-property tax revenues, with an estimated tax rate of \$0.57 per \$100 of assessed value, subject to changes as may be approved by voters in subsequent articles?

Article 10: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Natural Disaster Reserve Fund for the purpose of responding to natural disasters, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$14,000 of Local Option Tax revenues to the Natural Disaster Reserve Fund?

Article 12: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Waterbury Housing Reserve Fund for the purpose of supporting of housing initiatives and incentives in alignment with the Waterbury Housing Trust Fund Allowable Uses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Article 13: Shall the Town deposit \$175,000 of Local Option Tax reserves to the Waterbury Housing Reserve Fund?

Article 14: Shall notes of the Town of Waterbury in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,407), subject to the reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserve funds, be issued for the purpose of acquiring a (replacement) fire truck, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,407), with the debt serviced by \$110,000 in Local Option Tax Revenues in 2026?

Article 15: To see if the voters of the Town will, during 2026, appropriate a total of \$935,000 from Local Option Tax revenues as follows:

- \$150,000 for gravel roads
- \$25,000 to the Highway Capital Fund
- \$150,000 for a new pool filter
- \$75,000 for a new F350 vehicle for Public Works
- \$150,000 for sidewalk improvements
- \$15,000 for consulting services to assist with the Town Plan update
- \$8,500 for a Tree Inventory
- \$10,000 for expenses related to FEMA Buyout Projects
- \$25,000 for the Stanley Wasson & Woody Avenue housing projects
- \$10,000 for non-grant eligible expenses for the Randall Meadow flood mitigation project
- \$75,000 for a pilot service agreement with the Washington County Sheriff
- \$8,000 for inventory supplies for Natural Disaster preparedness
- \$3,500 for the Waterbury VT250 Planning Committee
- \$126,667 for debt service for a Fire Truck approved by voters in 2025
- \$103,333 for debt service for a Public Works Truck approved by voters in 2025

Article 16: To see if the voters of the Town will, during 2026, appropriate:

- \$1,000 for support of Capstone Community Action
- \$1,000 for support of Community Harvest of Central Vermont
- \$500 for support of Everybody Wins! Vermont
- \$1,000 for the support of the Family Center of Washington County
- \$1,000 for support of Friends of Waterbury Reservoir
- \$500 for support of Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
- \$975 for support of Mosaic Vermont
- \$250 for support of OUR House of Central Vermont
- \$1,000 for support of the People's Health and Wellness Clinic
- \$500 for support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- \$600 for support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \$800 for the support of the Waterbury Community Band

Article 17: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,000 for support of the American Red Cross?

Article 18: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,000 for support of Central Vermont Adult Education?

Article 19: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,250 for the support of Central Vermont Council on Aging and AmeriCorps Senior RSVP?

Article 20: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,375 for support of Circle?

Article 21: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,500 for support of Downstreet Housing and Community Development?

Article 22: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,500 for support of Elevate (Washington County Youth Services)?

Article 23: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$7,500 for support of the Early Education Resource Center of Waterbury ("Children's Room")?

Article 24: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,382 for support of the Green Mountain Transit Agency?

Article 25: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Harry N. Cutting American Legion?

Article 26: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,500 for the support of the Waterbury Area MakerSphere Cooperative?

Article 27: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$6,500 for the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association in addition to the amount included in the General Fund Budget for such purpose?

Article 28: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$5,000 for the support of Waterbury Common Market?

Article 29: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,500 for support of Waterbury Local Energy Action Partnership (LEAP)?

Article 30: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$3,000 for the support of Washington County Mental Health Services?

Dated at Waterbury, Vermont the 30th day of January 2026.

Alyssa Johnson, Chair

Kane Sweeney, Vice Chair

Michael Bard

Roger Clapp

Tori Taravella

Elizabeth Jones, Town Clerk
Received and Recorded this 30th day of January,
2026