

TOWN OF HALIFAX VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Halifax Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 246 Branch Road in said Town on Tuesday March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To hear the reports of Town officers.

Article 2: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2024 payable to the Town Treasurer by delivery to town hall postmarked on or before that date. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2024 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Article 3: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$2,432,019 of which \$1,967,319 shall be raised by taxes and \$464,700 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY25.

Article 4: Shall the Town set the Treasurer’s budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$20,000 plus \$4000 for expenses for FY25.

Article 5: Shall the Town rescind the reserve fund called the Grant Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of grant management accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804 and deposit the remaining funds, \$ 136,056.46, formerly the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) balance, into the general fund.

Article 6: Shall the Town appropriate \$3000 to the Wings Community Programs’ programming providing after school and summer camps including academic and physical activity programs for students entering grade K-8 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate a total of \$20,574 to the following social service agencies, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

\$250	American Red Cross	Emergency & disaster assistance
\$200	Brattleboro Area Hospice	Death & grief support
\$500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	Substance abuse prevention
\$500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	Hunger & food insecurity relief
\$50	Green Up Vermont	Roadside trash cleanup
\$2000	Halifax Community Club	Community service & events
\$1000	Halifax Fire Company	Fire & medical first response
\$750	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	Mental health services

\$550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)	Services for seniors
\$790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	Anti-poverty programs & services
\$2184	Southern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	Workforce & economic coordination services
\$500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program	Elders & adults with disabilities programming
\$1900	Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc	Hospice & home health
\$3000	Whitingham Fireman's Association	Emergency Medical Services
\$5000	Whitingham Free Public Library	Library services
\$500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)	Emergency animal sheltering
\$700	Women's Freedom Center	Domestic violence survivors support
\$200	Youth Services	Restorative justice, prevention & intervention for youth

Article 8: Shall the town assess a one percent (1%) tax on rooms in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 138(b).

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot:





Article 1: To elect by Australian Ballot all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM LENGTH</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Town Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2025
Selectboard	3 years	Term expires 2027
Selectboard	2 years	Term expires 2026
Lister	3 years	Term expires 2027
Auditor (to stagger years of election)	3 years	Term expires 2027
Auditor (to stagger years of election)	2 years	Term expires 2026
Auditor (to stagger years of election)	1 year	Term expires 2025
(Normal auditor term is a 3-year position for all 3 seats)		
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Term expires 2025
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	Term expires 2027
Cemetery Commissioner	3 years	Term expires 2027
Halifax School Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2025
Halifax School Director	3 years	Term expires 2027
Trustee to the Whitingham Library	3 years	Term expires 2027

Polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024

Signatures:

	PETE SILVERMAN
	Edee L Edwards
	KAREN A. CHRISTOFFERSON
	Tristan Roberts
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