

TOWN OF HALIFAX VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

March 4, 2025

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 4, 2025, 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, 2025 payable to the Town Treasurer by delivery to town hall postmarked on or before that date. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2025 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Article 3: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$2,518,875 of which \$2,097,575 shall be raised by taxes and \$421,300 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY26.

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 FY26.

Article 5: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$6000 to continue support of the Whitingham Free Public Library in recognition of services, materials, and programs provided to the residents of Halifax in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Halifax vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500 for the support of Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOVER to provide transportation services to residents of the Town in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to exempt the Halifax Community Club from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840.

Article 8: Shall the Town appropriate a total of \$15,574 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
\$500	Gathering Place Adult Day Program	Elders & adults with disabilities programming
\$50	Green Up Vermont	Roadside trash cleanup
\$750	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	Mental health services

\$200	Interaction (formerly Youth Services)	Restorative justice, prevention & intervention for youth
\$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
\$1900	Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc	Hospice & home health
\$3000	Whitingham Fireman's Association	Emergency Medical Services
\$500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)	Emergency animal sheltering
\$3000	Wings Community Programs	After school programming for K-8
\$700	Women's Freedom Center	Domestic violence survivors support

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 2026
Selectboard	3 years	Term expires 2028
Selectboard	2 years	Term expires 2027
Lister	3 years	Term expires 2028
Auditor	3 years	Term expires 2028
Auditor (to fill a vacancy)	1 year	Term expires 2026
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Term expires 2025
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	Term expires 2028
Cemetery Commissioner	3 years	Term expires 2028
Halifax School Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2026
Halifax School Director	3 years	Term expires 2028
Halifax School Director (remainder of 3 year term)		Term expires 2027

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

Dated this 28th day of January 2025

Signatures:

Edee L. Edwards Edee L. Edwards
KAREN A. CHRISTOFFERSON KAREN A. CHRISTOFFERSON
Rhonda Ashcroft Rhonda Ashcroft
Randy Pike Randy Pike
Tristan D. Roberts Tristan D. Roberts