

TOWN OF HALIFAX VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

March 3, 2026

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 3, 2026, 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, 2026 payable to the Town Treasurer by delivery to town hall postmarked on or before that date. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2026 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes?

Article 3: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$2,497,692 of which \$2,039,937 shall be raised by taxes and \$457,755 by non-property tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY27?

Article 4: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$20,500 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY27 instead of any statutory fees allowed under 32 V.S.A. § 1672?

Article 5: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for contract recycling bin drop-off / roll-off pickup services?

Article 6: Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future annual financial audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b(a)? (paper ballot)

Article 7: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Highway Equipment Purchase reserve fund to be used for partial prefunding vehicle and large equipment purchases in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Article 8: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to fund the Highway Equipment Purchase reserve fund?

Article 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to fund the Operational reserve fund?

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate a total of \$20,165 to the following social service agencies, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

\$250	American Red Cross	Emergency & disaster assistance
\$200	Center for Solace (formerly 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
\$500	Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOVER	Transportation services
\$790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	Anti-poverty programs & services
\$2175	Southern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	Workforce & economic coordination services
\$500	VDART Southeast (Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team-formerly WinDART)	Emergency animal sheltering
\$3000	Whitingham Fireman's Association	Licensed First Response
\$6000	Whitingham Free Public Library	Library Services & Programs
\$3000	Wings Community Programs	K-8 after school programming
\$700	Women's Freedom Center	Domestic violence survivors support

Article 11: Discussion of other nonbinding business.

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>	TERM LENGTH	TERM EXPIRATION
Town Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2027
Selectboard	3 years	Term expires 2029
Selectboard	2 years	Term expires 2028
Town Clerk	3 years	Term expires 2029
Town Treasurer	3 years	Term expires 2029
Lister	3 years	Term expires 2029
Auditor	3 years	Term expires 2029
Auditor (remainder of term)	2 years	Term expires 2028
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Term expires 2027
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years	Term expires 2029
Cemetery Commissioner	3 years	Term expires 2029
Halifax School Moderator	1 year	Term expires 2027
Halifax School Director	3 years	Term expires 2029

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

Dated this 26th day of January 2026

Signatures:

Edie Edwards - Edie Edwards

Randy Pike Randy Pike

Rhonda Ashcraft Rhonda Ashcraft

Karen Christofferson, Karen Christofferson

Lori Marchegiani - Lori Marchegiani