

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN AND ANNUAL SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT**  
**NORWICH, VERMONT**  
**MARCH 1, 2022**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center"><b>For MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than ONE</p> <p align="center"><u>64</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For LISTER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not 2-year unexpired term more than ONE</p> <p align="center"><u>28</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For AGENT TO PROSECUTE &amp; DEFEND SUITS</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than One</p> <p align="center"><u>14</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>For DRESDEN-NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than ONE</p> <p><b>TRAJMAN, LILY</b> <u>759</u> ○</p> <p><u>5</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For SELECTMAN</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than One</p> <p><b>ARNOLD, ROGER</b> <u>577</u> ○</p> <p><b>SMITH, PAMELA T.</b> <u>334</u> ○</p> <p><u>2</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not 1-year unexpired term more than One</p> <p align="center"><u>30</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>For NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For two years more than ONE</p> <p><b>PALM, GARRETT</b> <u>706</u> ○</p> <p><u>2</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For SELECTMAN</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For two years more than One</p> <p><b>BROCHU, CLAUDETTE</b> <u>695</u> ○</p> <p><u>17</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than One</p> <p><b>LINDBERG, CHERYL A.</b> <u>721</u> ○</p> <p><u>11</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>For LISTER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For three years more than ONE</p> <p><b>LINDBERG, CHERYL A.</b> <u>714</u> ○</p> <p><u>16</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>For GRAND JUROR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For one year more than One</p> <p align="center"><u>10</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	

**ARTICLES**

<p><b>Article 4.</b> Shall the voters approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$4,958,865.00, plus state and federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <u>739</u></p> <p><b>NO</b> <u>182</u></p>
<p><b>Article 5.</b> Shall the voters eliminate the office of Grand Juror pursuant to 17 VSA §2646?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <u>679</u></p> <p><b>NO</b> <u>99</u></p>
<p><b>Article 6.</b> Shall the voters eliminate the office of Town Agent pursuant to 17 VSA §2646?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <u>661</u></p> <p><b>NO</b> <u>104</u></p>
<p><b>Article 7.</b> Shall the voters approve the formation of an Unanticipated Expenses and Emergency Reserve Fund (to be governed by the purpose statement provided in the Town Report), initially funded through a transfer of \$750,000 from the FY22 unrestricted fund balance, and to be maintained in subsequent years at a level between 12 and 16 percent of the annual operating budget through: (i) transfer of unexpended monies remaining in the general fund from the prior year's operating budget, as approved by the voters; and/or (ii) allocations in the proposed operating budget as approved by the voters?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <u>518</u></p> <p><b>NO</b> <u>397</u></p>
<p><b>Article 8.</b> Shall the voters approve the establishment of an Operational Performance and Development Fund (to be governed by the purpose statement provided in the Town Report), to be initially funded through a transfer of \$110,000 from the FY22 unrestricted fund balance?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <u>494</u></p> <p><b>NO</b> <u>395</u></p>

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

<b>Article 9.</b> Shall the voters approve spending up to \$51,000 from the Operational Performance and Development Fund to undertake Police and Public Safety Study?	<b>YES</b> 342 <b>NO</b> 577
<b>Article 10:</b> Shall the voters approve spending up to \$50,000 from the Operational Performance and Development Fund to undertake long-range planning for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks, bikeways and trails, to include additional assessment of bike and pedestrian alternatives along Beaver Meadow Road (Main Street to Moore Lane) and linkages to Huntley Meadows?	<b>YES</b> 530 <b>NO</b> 402
<b>Article 11.</b> Shall the voters approve the establishment of the Emerald Ash Borer Response Fund (to be governed by the purpose statement provided in the Town Report)?	<b>YES</b> 721 <b>NO</b> 192
<b>Article 12.</b> Shall the voters approve the allocation of \$10,000 from FY23 budget to the Emerald Ash Borer Response Fund?	<b>YES</b> 698 <b>NO</b> 272
<b>Article 13.</b> Shall the voters approve a transfer of \$1,297.76 from the Recreation Pool Fund to the Emerald Ash Borer Response Fund?	<b>YES</b> 645 <b>NO</b> 258
<b>Article 14.</b> Shall the voters approve a transfer \$546.59 from the Long-Term Facility Fund to the Emerald Ash Borer Response Fund?	<b>YES</b> 605 <b>NO</b> 284
<b>Article 15.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$13,514 to Advance Transit to be used to help cover operating costs and providing matching funds for grants for the support of providing public transportation services?	<b>YES</b> 878 <b>NO</b> 58
<b>Article 16.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$20,000 to the Cemetery Commission under 18 VSA §5361 to supplement the interest from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for maintenance of the Town Cemeteries?	<b>YES</b> 754 <b>NO</b> 162
<b>Article 17.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center of Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?	<b>YES</b> 828 <b>NO</b> 105
<b>Article 18.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Community Access Television, Inc. (CATV) for video recordings of meetings for local government transparency?	<b>YES</b> 794 <b>NO</b> 131
<b>Article 19.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings to be used for the support of programs?	<b>YES</b> 776 <b>NO</b> 141
<b>Article 20.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$1,704.50 to the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to be used to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses?	<b>YES</b> 628 <b>NO</b> 269
<b>Article 21.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?	<b>YES</b> 828 <b>NO</b> 99
<b>Article 22.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?	<b>YES</b> 694 <b>NO</b> 224
<b>Article 23.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$8,000 to the Norwich Historical Society and Community Center to support those programs that support the celebration of historic events?	<b>YES</b> 748 <b>NO</b> 178
<b>Article 24.</b> Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to the Norwich Lions Club to be used to underwrite the fireworks for the Norwich Fair in celebration of the 260th year of the Town's Charter?	<b>YES</b> 506 <b>NO</b> 416

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**Article 25.** Shall the voters appropriate \$300,000 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

YES 855  
NO 89

**Article 26.** Shall the voters appropriate \$337 to Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to be used for continuing public health education for Norwich residents particularly in the areas of substance abuse, elder care, oral health, emergency preparedness, and healthy living?

YES 810  
NO 143

**Article 27.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to Senior Solutions (an Area Agency on Aging) to provide social services benefitting Norwich residents aged 60 and older?

YES 828  
NO 95

**Article 28.** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,750 to SEVCA (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) to be used for emergency needs, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services, financial counseling and food and nutrition education?

YES 789  
NO 126

**Article 29.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Special Needs Support Center of the Upper Valley to help children and adults with special needs, and their families, meet their unique challenges through advocacy and program support?

YES 815  
NO 107

**Article 30.** Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000 to The Family Place to be used for general program support, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support of programs such as direct service through early intervention, child care payment assistance, healthy baby visits, reach up, welcome baby, parent education, playgroups and other services?

YES 797  
NO 123

**Article 31.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?

YES 780  
NO 147

**Article 32.** Shall the voters appropriate \$18,500 to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings?

YES 832  
NO 99

**Article 33.** Shall the voters appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging to be used for home delivered meals, transport and social services?

YES 846  
NO 79

**Article 34.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to Windsor County Mentors to be used for mentoring youth?

YES 764  
NO 152

**Article 35.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to WISE (Women's Information Service) to be used to support WISE's crisis intervention and support services and prevention education?

YES 827  
NO 102

**Article 36.** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?

YES 717  
NO 187

**Article 37.** Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments? The first installment will be due and accepted at the Town of Norwich Finance Office on or before 6:00 pm August 12, 2022 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 6:00 pm February 10, 2023. A legible, official United States Post Office postmark/cancellation (not a postage machine date) will determine the payment date for all mailed payments. Interest on overdue taxes will be charged at 1% per month for the first three months and 1½% per month thereafter. All delinquent taxes will be subject to an 8% collection fee in accordance with Vermont Statutes after February 10, 2023.

YES 871  
NO 42

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 39:** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of 16 VSA § 562(9).

YES 767  
NO 137

**Article 40:** Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District determine and fix the salaries of the School Board members in the sum of \$500 each per year for a total of \$2,500 in accordance with the provisions of 16 VSA § 562(5)?

YES 842  
NO 64

**Article 41:** Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District approve the school board to expend \$6,618,680 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing 2022-23 fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$21,404 per equalized pupil (this includes the current proposed Dresden assessment for 7-12th grade). This projected spending per equalized pupil is 12.48% higher than spending for the current year.

YES 651  
NO 263

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**