

**Town of Norwich, Vermont and
Norwich Town School District
Warning of Annual Meeting, March 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Norwich, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in Tracy Memorial Hall, Norwich, Vermont at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 6, 2023, to transact business not requiring a vote by Australian ballot. Voting for Town Officers and for all articles on the Warning will be by Australian ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

NOTE: Given the extenuating circumstances surrounding Covid-19, voters are strongly encouraged to vote by early/absentee ballot. To obtain a ballot, contact the Town Clerk's office (802-649-1419 x2).

This meeting is called to determine if the Town will:

Article 1. Elect a Moderator of the Town and School District meeting for one year.

Article 2. Elect Town and School District Officers for terms starting in 2023.

Article 3. Hear and act on the reports of the Officers of the Town and Town School District.

Article 4. 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).

Article 5. 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)?

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District approve the school board to expend \$7,243,970 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing 2023-24 fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$22,958 per equalized pupil (this includes the current proposed Dresden assessment and articles for 7-12th grade). This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.55% higher than spending for the current year?

Article 7. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Norwich Town School District in an amount not to exceed \$768,414 subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making school grounds and infrastructure upgrades, namely, the installation of a pre-treatment septic module, removal and replacement of 2 septic tanks and 1 oil tank, and repair and reinstallation of asphalt and surrounding walkway areas?

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Article 8. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Norwich Town School District in an amount not to exceed \$307,752 subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of the installation of a new playground including earth work and equipment at the Marion Cross Elementary School?

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Article 9. Shall the voters approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$5,522,124 plus state and federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

Article 10. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” Special Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of holding ARPA monies in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804?

Article 11. ADVISORY VOTE: Shall the voters advise the Town to consider the appointment of a full-time police officer in addition to the three budgeted full-time police officers for a total of five including the chief?

Article 12. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor hired by the Town?

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize a ten-year exemption from property taxes to the Norwich Farm Foundation under the provisions of 32 VSA § 3840?

Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich approve transferring \$46,800 from the General Fund that was awarded to the Fire Department from a Vermont Department of Health COVID staffing grant into the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the selectboard to appoint the town clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e(a)(1)?

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$13,920 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?

Article 17. 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?

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center of Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?

Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Community Access Television, Inc. (CATV) for video recordings of meetings for local government transparency?

Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings to be used for the support of programs?

Article 21. 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?

Article 22. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?

Article 23. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?

Article 24. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 to Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. to be used for partial financial support of the Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. project?

Article 25. 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?

Article 26. 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?

Article 27. Shall the voters appropriate \$337,000 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

Article 28. 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?

Article 29. 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?

- Article 30.** 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?
- Article 31.** 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?
- Article 32.** 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?
- Article 33.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?
- Article 34.** 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?
- Article 35.** Shall the voters appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging to be used for home delivered meals, transport and social services?
- Article 36.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Windsor County Mentors to be used for mentoring youth?
- Article 37.** 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?
- Article 38.** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?
- Article 39.** 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 30, 2023 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 6:00 pm February 9, 2024. 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 9, 2024.
- Article 40.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich limit the penalty charged by the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for payments made after the due date for payments to 4% of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?


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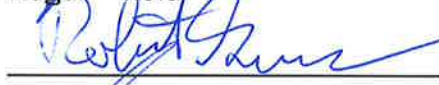
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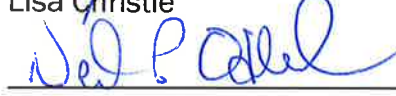


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ATTEST
Bonnie J. Munday
TOWN CLERK, NORWICH, VERMONT

RESOLUTION CERTIFICATE

I certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Norwich Town School District, a municipal corporation located in the County of Windsor, State of Vermont (the "District"); that I have custody of the books, records and seal of the District; and that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the District, duly called, noticed and held on January 19, 2023, at which a quorum of members was present and voting; and that the same remains in full force and effect, and has not been amended, rescinded, abridged, modified or contested in any way:

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that the public interest and necessity demand certain school building improvements, namely, the updating of the school septic system and playground; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby further found and determined that the cost of completing said public improvements, estimated to be \$768,414 and \$307,752 respectively, after application of available supplemental funding sources, would be too great to be paid out of the ordinary income and revenue of the District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,


- (1) a proposal for providing such improvements and financing the cost of the same through the issuance and sale of the District's general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$768,414 and \$307,752 shall be submitted to the legal voters of the District at the annual meeting thereof to be called and held on March 7, 2023; and
- (2) all acts relating to the proposition of making such improvements and financing the cost thereof, as well as the maintenance and operation of such improvements within the corporate limits of the District, shall be in accordance with the provision of Chapters 9 and 15 of Title 16, and Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and
- (3) the attached Article is approved for inclusion in the Warning for the District's March 7, 2023 annual meeting.

Dated: January 19, 2023

ATTEST:


District Clerk

Received for record and recorded this 20th day of January, 2023 in the records of Norwich Town School District.


District Clerk

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT
OF NORWICH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, Norwich Town School District (the “Issuer”) intends to construct school building and grounds improvements to be considered by the Issuer at the annual meeting thereof scheduled to be held on March 7, 2023 (the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures (the “Reimbursement Expenditures”) in connection with the Projects prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Projects on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS, the Issuer reasonably expects that for that part of the Projects consisting of design, permitting, financing, acquisition and construction costs, debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$768,414 (septic project) and \$307,752 (playground project) will be issued and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing:

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

Section 1. The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 2. This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

Section 3. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures, within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Projects or the date that such Projects is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Projects), and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$768,414 (septic project) and \$307,752 (playground project) of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

Section 4. The Issuer's debt obligations for the aforementioned purpose will not be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Section 5. All prior actions of the officials and agents of Issuer that are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Project shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 6. All other resolutions of the legislative body of the Issuer, or parts of resolutions, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. It is hereby found that all discussions and deliberations of the legislative body of the Issuer leading to the adoption of this Resolution occurred at one or more meetings of the legislative body conducted pursuant to public notice and open to public attendance.

Section 8. This declaration shall take effect from and after its adoption.

The undersigned, Clerk of the Issuer, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the declaration of the Board of School Directors of said Issuer duly made at a meeting thereof held on the date, specified below, and that said declaration has not been amended, modified or revoked.


District Clerk

January 19, 2023

**NORWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT – RATIFIED WARNING ARTICLES FOR
BOND/NOTE VOTE BUDGET YEAR 2023-24**

ARTICLE 7: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Norwich Town School District in an amount not to exceed \$768,414 subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making school grounds and infrastructure upgrades, namely, the installation of a pre-treatment septic module, removal and replacement of 2 septic tanks and 1 oil tank, and repair and reinstallation of asphalt and surrounding walkway areas?

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ARTICLE 8: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Norwich Town School District in an amount not to exceed \$307,752 subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of the installation of a new playground including earth work and equipment at the Marion Cross Elementary School?

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Norwich School Board Special Meeting (Thursday, January 19, 2023)

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Members present

Neil P Odell, Thomas K Candon, Garrett Palm, Lisa Christie, Lily Trajman

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

1. Opening of Meeting -

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order

Chair Candon called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Agenda Review -

Discussion, Procedural: A. Agenda Review

No changes to the agenda were made.

3. Public Input -

Information, Procedural: A. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. 23-24 Discussion and Adoption of Resolutions

Action: A. Norwich Town School District Resolution for Borrowing - Articles #7 and #8

Business Administrator Teague explained that when the School District borrows money for more than 5 years and the loan is for more than the budget can handle than a bond hearing must be had. A resolution must be written. The resolute does not need to be signed by the Board. The Town clerk signs it. Discussion ensued about the timeline for the bond requirements.

Move to approve the adoption of the Norwich Town School Board Resolution Certificate for the consideration of Warning Article #7 dealing with updating the septic system of the Marion Cross School and Warning Article #8 dealing with updating the playground at the school.

Motion by Neil P Odell, second by Lisa Christie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Neil P Odell, Thomas K Candon, Garrett Palm, Lisa Christie, Lily Trajman

Action: B. Declaration of Intent regarding Reimbursement by Indebtedness

Business Administrator Teague explained the Declaration for official intent of Norwich Town School District to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness. She noted that should the District need to pay for things before the loan is written, this document allows the school district to pay for them and be reimbursed from the loan. The District could use this to put a down payment on equipment, permits or supplies for the projects. This would apply to both the septic and playground projects. However, BA Teague doesn't feel it would be needed for the playground but it is better to be prepared just in case something comes up.

Additional information will be provided at the Annual meeting.

Move to approve the adoption of the Declaration of Official Intent of the Norwich Town School District to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness.

Motion by Neil P Odell, second by Lisa Christie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Neil P Odell, Thomas K Candon, Garrett Palm, Lisa Christie, Lily Trajman

5. Adjournment -

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Motion by Lisa Christie, second by Lily Trajman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Neil P Odell, Thomas K Candon, Garrett Palm, Lisa Christie, Lily Trajman