

3046 voters

977 ballots



BALLOT 1 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
NORWICH, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

Table with 3 columns: For MODERATOR, For LISTER, For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER. Rows include candidates like ORNER, PETER, LINDBERG, CHERYL A., MANNY, ALIX, and schools like DRESDEN-NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

ARTICLES

Article 3. 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).

809 YES [checked]
132 NO

Article 4. 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)?

871 YES [checked]
87 NO

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Norwich School District approve the School Board to expend \$8,274,079, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

The Norwich School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$18,356, which is 5.29% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year. Note: this includes the Dresden base assessment amount.

611 YES [checked]
351 NO

Article 7. Shall the voters approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$6,723,893 plus State and Federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

535 YES [checked]
422 NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 8. Shall the voters approve the use of \$291,000 of the current surplus to fund the Tracy Hall Fund #13 for future improvements to Tracy Hall?

723 YES
218 NO

Article 9. Shall the voters approve the use of \$200,000 of the current surplus to fund the DPW Bridge Fund #41?

692 YES
240 NO

Article 10. Shall the voters approve the use of \$100,000 of the current surplus to fund the Emerald Ash Borer Response Fund #52 for future mitigation efforts related to the EAB infestation?

671 YES
267 NO

Article 11. Shall the voters of Norwich allow the election of Vermont residents who are not Norwich residents to be elected or appointed to town offices, not including selectboard or justices of the peace, or for boards or commissions that are established by state law and which are required to be composed of a majority of Norwich residents as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2646(a)(1)?

184 YES
765 NO

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$15,947 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?

883 YES
79 NO

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$25,000 to the Cemetery Commission under 18 VSA § 5361 to supplement the interest from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for maintenance of the Town Cemeteries?

745 YES
183 NO

Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center in Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?

822 YES
128 NO

Article 15. 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, childcare payment assistance, healthy baby visits, reach up, welcome baby, parent education, playgroups and other services?

813 YES
134 NO

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley to be used for the support of programs?

756 YES
174 NO

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,705 to the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to be used to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses?

646 YES
277 NO

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?

805 YES
138 NO

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Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Junction Arts & Media (JAM, formerly known as CATV) for video recordings of meetings for local government transparency?

796 YES
 152 NO

Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?

724 YES
 210 NO

Article 21. Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000 to Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. to be used for partial financial support of the Norwich Community Nurse, Inc. project?

790 YES
 160 NO

Article 22. Shall the voters appropriate \$12,000 to the Norwich Historical Society and Community Center to support those programs that support the celebration of historic events?

741 YES
 206 NO

Article 23. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to the Norwich Lions Club to be used to underwrite the fireworks for the Norwich Fair?

411 YES
 532 NO

Article 24. Shall the voters appropriate \$376,700 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

868 YES
 91 NO

Article 25. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,822 to the 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?

764 YES
 178 NO

Article 26. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to Senior Solutions (an Area Agency on Aging) to provide social services benefiting Norwich residents aged 60 and older?

820 YES
 126 NO

Article 27. 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?

766 YES
 174 NO

Article 28. 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?

817 YES
 129 NO

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Article 29. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?

798 YES
150 NO

Article 30. 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?

826 YES
128 NO

Article 31. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging to be used for home delivered meals, transport, and social services?

866 YES
87 NO

Article 32. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to Windsor County Mentors to be used for mentoring youth?

731 YES
203 NO

Article 33. 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?

814 YES
132 NO

Article 34. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?

691 YES
230 NO

Article 35. 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 4:30 pm August 29, 2025 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 4:30 pm February 13, 2026. 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 beginning with the first installment will be charged at 1% per month for the first three months and 1½% per month thereafter. All delinquent taxes will be subject to a 4% collection fee in accordance with Vermont Statutes after February 13, 2026.

879 YES
55 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

