

WARNING

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

TOWN MEETING

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MEETING MARCH 1, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Bellows Falls Middle School Auditorium (15 School Street) in said Town on **Saturday March 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** to act upon all articles for expenditure of public funds.

Then to adjourn March 4, 2025, to the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 8:00 a.m. to vote by Australian ballot on Article 1.

Saturday meeting may also be seen via Zoom at (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID 696 830 477.
*Please note voting by Zoom is not permitted.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers as required by law.
(By Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from Federal funds.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Eight Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$6,817,593) to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways, and pay all other general and regular expenses of the town beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with Five Million Two Hundred Forty-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$5,241,374) to be raised to be by taxes?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$99,219) to be allocated to the following social service agencies as indicated?

Bellows Falls Bike Project	\$ 5,000
Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$25,000
Greater Falls Connections	\$ 4,000
Greater Falls Justice Center	\$ 3,000
Green Mountain Volunteer Center	\$ 500
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$ 2,700
Meeting Waters YMCA	\$ 5,000
Our Place	\$ 5,000
Parks Place	\$ 5,000
Senior Solutions	\$ 1,500
Southeastern VT Comm Action (SEVCA)	\$ 4,770
Southeast Vermont Transit (Moover)	\$ 3,825
Springfield Supported Housing	\$ 2,500
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 1,350
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT&NH	\$26,024
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 1,750
Youth Services	\$ 2,300

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eight-Four Dollars (\$123,584) to maintain Town Cemeteries, with Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$436,700) in operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library, Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$387,250) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve the creation of a single Municipal Fire & Rescue Department with 3 stations, managed by the Town of Rockingham. A Transition Committee consisting of designated representatives from each of the three departments and representatives from the Bellows Falls Trustees, Saxtons River Village Trustees, and the Rockingham Select Board will be tasked to develop a detailed plan. Upon completion, the plan will be reviewed and presented to the Rockingham Select Board for adoption no later than July 1, 2026.

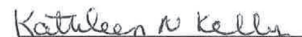
ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$137,500) to match grant funds and loans for required expenditures to clean up asbestos and lead contamination and mitigate vapor and flood issues that are required by the purchase of the Bellows Falls Train Station building from Green Mountain Railroad, and a lease of 9860 square feet of land under and around the train station from the State of Vermont Transportation Agency (VTRANS)?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to fund the Meeting House Capital Reserve Fund, with Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to be raised by taxes?


ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for a period of five (5) years to fund the replacement of the Town Hall Roof and Roof Drains for the purpose of public building improvements?

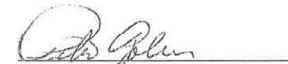
ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditure of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles?

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham duly called, noticed, and held on January 21, 2025.


Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk


Rick Cowan, Chair


Bonnie North, Vice-Chair

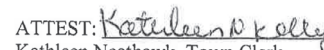

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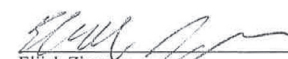
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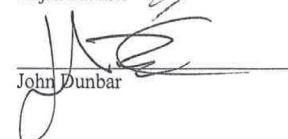
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January 22, 2025
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ATTEST: 
Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk


Elijah Zimmer


John Dunbar