

The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be a Google Meets, on-line meeting. The link for the meeting will be made available. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

WARNING

ANNUAL WESTFIELD TOWN MEETING AND WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 5, 2024 - 10 a.m. (In-Person Meeting)

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet (in-person) at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three-years.
- Article 3.** To elect a Union School Board director for a term of three-years.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,145,310 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$826,390? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$843,998 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to revise the joint school agreement to reflect the law changes by replacing Equalized Pupils with the phrase Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM)?

- **Articles 7 through 11 voted by Australian ballot;** Australian ballot items are voted on at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, throughout the day on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The polls open at 9:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. Early or absentee ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at 802-744-2484.

- **Article 7.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2024-2025. **(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- **Article 8.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2024-2025. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$21,553,800, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 10.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,538,700, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? **(Australian ballot)**

- **Article 11.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$280,000 of undesignated FY2023 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund? (**Australian ballot**)

Article 12. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 13. To adjourn.

FOLLOWING A SHORT BREAK, TOWN MEETING WILL CONVENE

TOWN MEETING:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651d(a)?

Article 4. To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

- a. 1st Constable One-year term
- b. 2nd Constable One-year term
- c. Delinquent Tax Collector One-year term
- d. Library Trustee Five-year term
- e. Library Trustee One-year of an unexpired two-year term
- f. Lister Three-year term
- g. Selectperson Three-year term
- h. Town Clerk Three-year term
- i. Town Treasurer Three-year term

Article 5. Shall the voters approve **\$28,176** for the following appropriations?

- a. **\$500** to American Red Cross:
- b. **\$500** to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy):
- c. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation:
- d. **\$1,200** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.:
- e. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont:
- f. **\$250** to Jay Focus Group:
- g. **\$750** to Jay Food Shelf:
- h. **\$250** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion:
- i. **\$300** to Missisquoi River Basin Association:
- j. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra:
- k. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging:
- l. **\$1,072** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS):
- m. **\$250** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS):
- n. **\$700** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society):
- o. **\$500** to Orleans County Fair Association:
- p. **\$16,409** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department:
- q. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.:

- r. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.:
- s. \$600 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT):
- t. \$500 to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site:
- u. \$400 to Umbrella:
- v. \$95 to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL):
- w. \$250 to Vermont Family Network:
- x. \$100 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.:

- Article 6.** Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$411,760, of which \$165,340 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$246,420 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include appropriations.*
- Article 7.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$503,498, of which \$108,853 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$394,645 shall be raised by municipal taxes?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes?
- Article 9.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes on the first Thursday in October, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 4 p.m. on that date?
- Article 10.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 11.** To adjourn.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 3rd day of February 2024.

Selectboard Members:


 Jacques Couture, Chair



 Richard Degre, Vice Chair


 Dennis Vincent


Westfield School Board Members:


 Nicole Dunn, Chair


 Andrew Emery


 Mary Gagne

Received for Recording:
 February 3, 2024, at 1:10 P M

Attest: 
 LaDonna Dunn, Westfield Town Clerk