

The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Jay/Westfield Elementary School as well as via Google Meets. 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 4, 2025 - 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 4, 2025, 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 the remaining two years of a three-year term.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,228,334 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 \$913,710? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$932,449 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,073, which is 16.52% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

• **Articles 6 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 4, 2025. 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 6.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026. **(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- **Article 7.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$23,213,400, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,788, which is 8.34% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,955,800 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of

\$13,391, which is 6.36% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**

- **Article 10.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$225,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund? **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 11.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to establish and place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations to an equity 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. To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

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| a. | 1 st Constable | One-year term |
| b. | 2 nd Constable | One-year term |
| c. | Library Trustee | Five-year term |
| d. | Library Trustee | One-year of an unexpired term |
| e. | Lister | Three-year term |
| f. | Lister | Two-years of an unexpired term |
| g. | Selectperson | Three-year term |

Article 4. Shall the voters approve **\$29,802** 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. **\$1,000** to Jay Food Shelf:
- h. **\$500** 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. **\$17,485** 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. **\$950** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT):
- t. **\$100** 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. **\$200** to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.:

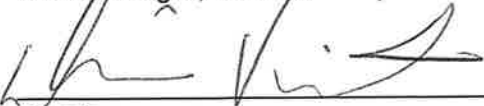
- Article 5.** Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$434,553, of which \$152,859 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$281,694 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include appropriations.*
- Article 6.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$479,240, of which \$77,380 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$401,860 shall be raised by municipal taxes?
- Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes on the first Thursday in October, by physical or electronic delivery to the tax collector before 4 p.m. on that date?
- Article 9.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 10.** To adjourn.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 27th day of January 2025.

Selectboard Members:

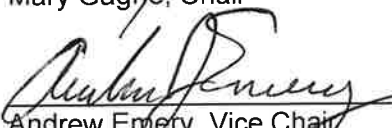

 Jacques Couture, Chair


 Richard Degre, Vice Chair


 Dennis Vincent

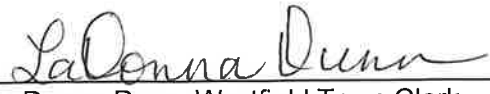
Westfield School Board Members:


 Mary Gagne, Chair


 Andrew Emery, Vice Chair


 Jessica Kennison, Clerk

Received for Recording:
 January 27, 2025, at 6:30 P M

Attest: 
 LaDonna Dunn, Westfield Town Clerk