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## 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:

*Election Results*

#### WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year. *Passed*
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three years.  
*Andrew Emery*
- Article 3.** To elect a Union School Board director for the remaining two years of a three-year term.  
*Not filled*
- 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)** (Pages 63-67) *Passed Westfield → 28 Yes; 11 No  
Jay → 30 Yes; 2 No*
- 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. (Page 68) *passed by voice vote*

- **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)** *Tara Morse 51  
2 Blank*
- **Article 7.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026. **(Australian ballot)** *Lisa Deslandes 53*
- **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)** *31 yes; 22 NO passed*
- **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 *31 yes; 22 no passed*

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)  
37 yes; 16 no passed
- **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)  
34 yes; 19 no passed

**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. Pat Sagui
- Article 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers. (Pages 24-42) Approved
- Article 3.** To elect all necessary town officials required by law. (Pages 13-14)
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| a. 1 <sup>st</sup> Constable | One-year term                  | Mike Jacobs       |
| b. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Constable | One-year term                  | Mike Piper        |
| c. Library Trustee           | Five-year term                 | Rebecca Velazquez |
| d. Library Trustee           | One-year of an unexpired term  | Carolyn Lyster    |
| e. Lister                    | Three-year term                | Shelley Martin    |
| f. Lister                    | Two-years of an unexpired term | unfilled          |
| g. Selectperson              | Three-year term                | Jacques Couture   |
- Article 4.** Shall the voters approve \$29,802 for the following appropriations? All passed
- a. \$500 to American Red Cross: Pg. 43
  - b. \$500 to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy): Pg. 44
  - c. \$100 to Felines & Friends Foundation: Pg. 45
  - d. \$1,200 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.: Pg. 46
  - e. \$50 to Green Up Vermont: Pg. 47
  - f. \$250 to Jay Focus Group: Pg. 49
  - g. \$1,000 to Jay Food Shelf: Pg. 48
  - h. \$500 to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion: Pg. 50
  - i. \$300 to Missisquoi River Basin Association: Pg. 51
  - j. \$100 to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra: Pg. 60
  - k. \$300 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging: Pg. 52
  - l. \$1,072 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS): Pg. 52
  - m. \$250 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS): Pg. 53
  - n. \$700 to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society): Pg. 54
  - o. \$500 to Orleans County Fair Association: Pg. 54
  - p. \$17,485 to Orleans County Sheriff's Department: Pg. 55-56
  - q. \$2,500 to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.: Pg. 57
  - r. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.: Pg. 57

- s. **\$950** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT): **Pg. 58**
- t. **\$100** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site: **Pg. 50**
- u. **\$400** to Umbrella: **Pg. 58**
- v. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL): **Pg. 59**
- w. **\$250** to Vermont Family Network: **Pg. 59**
- x. **\$200** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force Vt. Assoc. of Conservation District: **Pg. 59**

- 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 in article 4. (Pages 17-21) passed*
- 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? *(Pages 22-23) passed*
- Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes? *passed*
- 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? *passed*
- 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

Signed by: **Selectboard Members:** Jacques Couture, Chair; Richard Degre, Vice Chair; and Dennis Vincent  
**Westfield School Board Members:** Mary Gagne, Chair; Andrew Emery; and Jessica Kennison

Received for Recording: January 27, 2025, at 3:15 pm  
 Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

*View the signed version of the document at the Town Clerk's Office or at [www.westfield.vt.gov/town-meeting](http://www.westfield.vt.gov/town-meeting).*

### Tips for voting at the Town and School Meetings and by Australian ballot:

Early/absentee voting is available until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, for Town & School Australian ballots. Call or email the Town Clerk's office (802) 744-2484 to request an absentee ballot. If you request a ballot for another person, state law requires the ballot be mailed to the voter. Please call enough in advance to allow for mailing time on both ends. Ballots must be returned by mail or in the drop box at the Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or returned to the polls no later than 7 p.m. on March 4<sup>th</sup> for your vote to be counted. Visit [www.westfield.vt.gov](http://www.westfield.vt.gov) to view sample ballots.



**THERE WILL BE AN IN-PERSON TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING WITH FLOOR VOTING (see Warning on pages 3-5) ON MARCH 4, 2025, STARTING AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, 59 North Hill Road in Westfield (at School St.). You must be a registered Westfield voter to vote during the floor vote at the Town & School meetings as well as Australian ballot. Talk to the Town Clerk for more information.**

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