

The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School, 257 Revoir Flat Road, Jay, VT. The meeting will be a hybrid, in person and 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 3, 2026 - 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 3, 2026, 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 to finish one year of a three-year term.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,296,195 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 \$976,421? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$1,000,277 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 \$14,653, which is 2.78% lower than per pupil education spending for the current year.

- **Articles 6 through 12 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 3, 2026. 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 2026-2027. **(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- **Article 7.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2026-2027. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$24,273,900, 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 \$13,213, which is 3.44% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$300,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund? **(Australian ballot)**

- **Article 10.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$7,169,400 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 \$13,594, which is 1.58% higher than per pupil spending for the current 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 \$250,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund? **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 12.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$150,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Field of Dreams Reserve Fund? **(Australian ballot)**

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**Article 13.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

**Article 14.** To adjourn.

### **FOLLOWING A SHORT BREAK, TOWN MEETING WILL CONVENE**

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#### **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.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable One-year term
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable One-year term
- c. Library Trustee Five-year term
- d. Lister One-year of an unexpired three-year term
- e. Lister Three-year term
- f. Selectperson Three-year term

**Article 4.** Shall the voters approve **\$32,143.50** for the following appropriations?

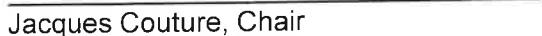
- a. **\$500** to American Red Cross:
- b. **\$500** to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy):
- c. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation:
- d. **\$1,200** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.:
- e. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont:
- f. **\$250** to Jay Focus Group:
- g. **\$1,000** 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. **\$18,426.50** 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. **\$1,000** to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
- t. **\$950** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT):
- u. **\$500** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site:
- v. **\$400** to Umbrella:
- w. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL):
- x. **\$250** to Vermont Family Network:
- y. **\$200** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force Vt. Assoc. of Conservation District:

- Article 5.** Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$484,085.59 which \$170,385.59 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$313,700 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include appropriations in article 4.*
- Article 6.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$578,078.02 of which \$82,400 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$495,678.02 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *The \$495,678.02 includes repayment of the 2025 highway fund deficit of \$67,932.02.*
- Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes before 4 p.m. on the first Thursday each October, by physical or electronic delivery, to the Town Treasurer? *Postmarks are not accepted.*
- Article 9.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 10.** To adjourn.
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Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**Selectboard Members:**

 Jacques Couture, Chair

 Richard Degre, Vice Chair

 Dennis Vincent

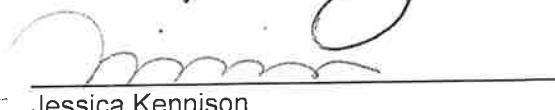
Received for Recording:

1/27/26, at 4:40 P M

**Westfield School Board Members:**

  Mary Gagne, Chair

 Andrew Emery, Vice Chair

 Jessica Kennison

Attest:

  LaDonna Dunn, Westfield Town Clerk