

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

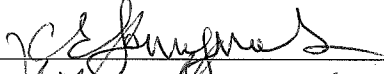
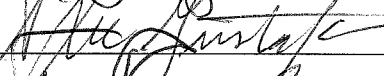



The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be by Australian ballot on March 4, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. Voting by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$524,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing a Grader for the highway department in the amount of \$374,000 to be financed for a term of 10 years, and paving sections of Flamstead Road in the amount of \$150,000 to be financed for a term of 7 years. This equipment is replacing existing equipment at the end of useful life and are not additions to the town inventory. Voting by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$2,982,900), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of construction for the replacement of the Depot Street Force Main, Gravity Main, and First Avenue Pump Station. It is anticipated that the debt service on the bonds will be paid from revenue generated by wastewater user fees. Voting by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,140,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the purchase of a solar photovoltaic generation facility currently located on town property (Jeffery Well site). It is anticipated that the debt service on the bonds will be paid using revenue generated by, and electricity costs savings resulting from the facility. Voting by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town of Chester will vote to approve borrowing for the purchase of a police cruiser for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to be financed for a term of 4 years. This equipment is replacing existing equipment at the end of useful life and is not an addition to the town inventory.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$4,225,000.00 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 16, 2025, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters establish a Housing Reserve Fund as a means to receive ongoing sources of funding to support the preservation and production of housing and increase opportunities for families and individuals to access affordable homes in Chester.

- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange #327. The municipal taxes in 2024 for the Gassetts Grange #327 were \$1,215.00, and \$2,180.00 for Education.
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Chester Rod & Gun Club. The municipal taxes in 2024 for the Chester Rod & Gun Club were \$1,869.00, and \$3,354.00 for Education.
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Green Mountain Softball, Inc. The municipal taxes in 2024 for the Green Mountain Softball, Inc. were \$772.00, and \$1,386.00 for Education.
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the MOOver Rockingham to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizens of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?
- ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$5,570) to Neighborhood Connections, Inc. and Mountain Town Connector to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?
- ARTICLE 22:** Shall the town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Black River Area Community Coalition for continuing to work within the Chester community preventing youth substance/alcohol misuse in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2691?

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 17th day of January 2025.

 /s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman
 /s/ Lee Gustafson
 /s/ Tim Roper
 /s/ Peter Hudkins
 /s/ Arianna Knapp

WARNING

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting By Australian Ballot

Andover Town Hall 8:00am – 7:00pm
Baltimore Town Hall 10:00am – 7:00pm
Proctorsville Fire Department 10:00am – 7:00pm
Chester Town Office 9:00am – 7:00pm

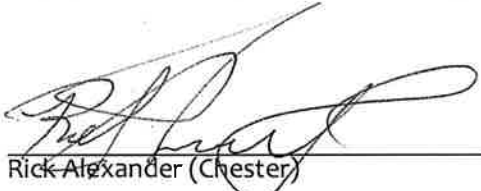
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

The legal voters of Green Mountain Unified School District, consisting of the towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester are hereby warned to meet at the respective polling places on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted includes the following:

Article I: Shall the voters of Green Mountain Unified School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$15,837,173.00 which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,742.90 per equalized pupil.

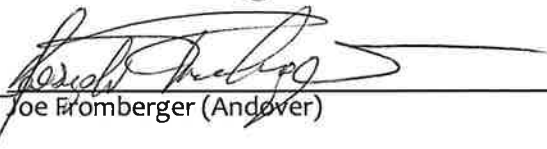
Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on January 19, 2023.

Board of Directors:



Rick Alexander (Chester)

Deb Brown (Chester)




Joe Fromberger (Andover)

Julia Gignoux (Cavendish)




Jeff Hance (Chester)




Katie Murphy (Chester)



Steve Perani (Cavendish)



Lois Perlah (Chester)



Dennis Reilly (Cavendish)



Joshua Schroeder (Chester)



Adrienne Williams (Baltimore)

Received, filed and recorded on January 31, 2023



Amber Wilson, District Clerk

WARNING
RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Expeditionary School at Black River, Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
- ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.
- ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
- ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 4, 2025, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 4, 2025

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of **three million, four hundred eighty thousand, one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$3,480,129)** to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2025-2026 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

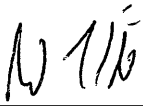
Robert Flint, Chair
Jessica Burlew, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Board Secretary/Clerk
Lyza Gardner
Chris Hodsdon

Lois Perlah
James Rumrill
Kelly Tarbell
Sara Vogel
Brenda Blodgett, Clerk, RVTC School District

**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL
DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
And
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
MARCH 4, 2025**

Dated at Springfield, Vermont, in the County of Windsor, on this ^{13th} day of January 2025.

River Valley Technical Center Board of Directors



Robert Flint, At-Large Member
Board Chair



Chris Hodsden, BFUHS Representative



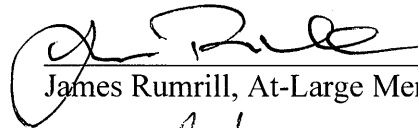
Lois Perlah, Green Mt. USD Representative



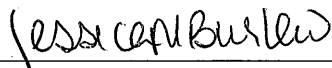
Andrew Pennell, At-Large Member
Secretary/Clerk



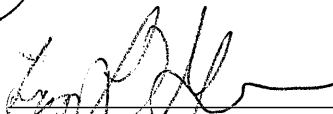
Kelly Tarbell, LMUUSD Representative



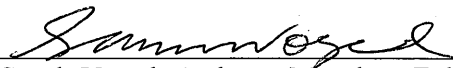
James Rumrill, At-Large Member



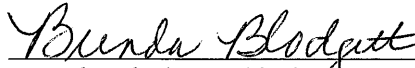
Jessica Burlew, Springfield S.D. Representative
Vice Chair



Lyza Gardner, At-Large Member



Sarah Vogel, At-large Member, Fall Mtn. RSD



Brenda Blodgett, Clerk, RVTC School District