

WARNING

TOWN OF MANCHESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (2025)

The legal voters of the Town of Manchester are hereby warned and notified that the Town will hold an annual meeting that will commence at the Manchester Elementary-Middle School gymnasium (80 Memorial Ave.), Manchester Center, Vermont 05255) on Saturday March 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. to transact any business not involving Australian ballot voting. The meeting will then adjourn until Tuesday, March 4, 2025, on which date the polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at the Manchester Town Offices (40 Jeff Williams Way) to vote by Australian ballot.

Town of Manchester Floor Meeting:

ARTICLE 1. To present awards, make acknowledgements, and to hear reports from our legislative delegation.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$7,640,018 to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, of which \$4,753,027 shall be raised by property taxes and \$2,886,991 by non-property tax revenues (including \$1,425,000 in local option tax revenues); provided, that in the event that local option revenues are less than \$1,425,000, funds from the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund may be used to offset the shortfall in local option revenues and that any amount in excess of \$1,425,000 shall be transferred into the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to charge the maximum interest and penalty allowed by law on overdue unpaid real property taxes (and provide no discount for early payment), with payments delivered in person at Town Hall, electronically, or by U.S. Mail (must be postmarked by the due date), due in two installments, as follows:

1st Installment: Friday, September 5, 2025 at 4:30PM: 45% of town taxes and 60% of school taxes

2nd Installment: Friday, February 6, 2026 at 4:30PM: 55% of town taxes and 40% of school taxes?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to establish a Reserve Fund to be called the "Highway Equipment Reserve Fund" for the purpose of purchasing highway vehicles and large Capital Equipment expenses for the Department of Public Works (DPW) in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2804?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town deposit \$50,000 from the General Fund surplus (Unassigned Funds) to fund the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Articles 6 through 16 are under the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 2691 and § 2692. Shall the Town vote to appropriate general funds to social service agencies?

ARTICLE 6. To appropriate \$2,500 to the Tutorial Center?

ARTICLE 7. To appropriate \$2,400 to Bennington County Habitat for Humanity?

ARTICLE 8. To appropriate \$2,000 to Center for Restorative Justice?

ARTICLE 9. To appropriate \$1,850 to Project Against Violent Encounters?

ARTICLE 10. To appropriate \$1,811 to BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

ARTICLE 11. To appropriate \$1,500 to Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program?

ARTICLE 12. To appropriate \$1,500 to Neighbor to Neighbor?

ARTICLE 13. To appropriate \$1,000 to The Collaborative?

ARTICLE 14. To appropriate \$500 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

ARTICLE 15. To appropriate \$420 to Vermont Center for Independent Living?

ARTICLE 16. To transact any other business appropriate to come before Town Meeting.

Voting by Australian ballot on March 5, 2025:

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,000 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town appropriate \$20,000 for the support of VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town appropriate \$75,000 for the support of the Northshire Day School?

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$335,000 for the support of the Manchester Community Library?

ARTICLE 21. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Warning adopted by the Selectboard on January 30, 2025

Ivan C. Beattie, Chair

Gregory T. Cutler, Vice-Chair

Janet K. Nolan, Clerk

Heidi G. Chamberlain

Jonathan W. West

Manchester, VT Town Clerk's Office
0430 2025 at
6 o'clock 03 minutes P M
 Book 15 on Page 647 of
TOWN records.
 Attest: Quintia Sheldon, MMCLerc
 Town Clerk