

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

SCHOOL DISTRICT, FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 3, AND TOWN

2026

The legal voters of the Westminster Town School District, Westminster Town Fire District Number 3, and Westminster Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium in Westminster, Vermont on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM) to take action on the Articles following Article 1.

The meeting will be recessed to the Westminster Institute, 3534 US Route 5, Westminster Vermont to meet at eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, for the consideration of Article 1, by Australian Ballot. The polls shall remain open until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.)

Article 1: To choose all Town School District Officers, Town Fire District Number 3 Officers, and Town Officers by Australian Ballot, Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.)

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster demand the removal of Donald J. Trump, President and J.D. Vance, Vice-President for crimes against the United States Constitution?
(Non-Binding Article)

Article 3: *To hear the reports of the Westminster School District Officers.*

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District apply the sum of \$262,279 from the projected fiscal year 2025 surplus of \$262,279 to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in future years?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District approve an annual compensation to each school Director in the amount of \$800 and an additional \$200 to the Director who serves as Board Chair?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District approve the school board to expend \$5,145,255.00 (five million, one hundred forty-five thousand, two hundred fifty-five dollars) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Westminster Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,317 which is 2% higher than per pupil education spending of the current year?

Article 7: To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District meeting.

Article 8: *To hear the reports of the Town Fire District Number 3 Officers.*

Article 9: To see whether Town Fire District Number 3 shall authorize and instruct its Prudential Committee and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to meet current expenses, on the credit of the district, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal Funds.

Article 10: To see if the voters of the Town Fire District Number 3 will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$371,800.00** to pay the indebtedness and other general expenses of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Article 11: To transact any other business proper to be brought before the Town Fire District Number 3 meeting.

Article 12: *To hear the reports of the Town Officers.*

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize and instruct its Selectboard to borrow money, if necessary, on the credit of the town for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal funds?

Article 14: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,420,499, of which \$787,212.63 shall be raised by taxes, and \$633,286.37 by other estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027?

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster authorize total Highway Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,769,600, of which \$1,497,600 shall be raised by taxes, and \$272,000 by other estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027?

Article 16: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3832(7) to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of the Westminster Aqueduct Society and improvements thereon?

Article 17: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3840, to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of the Westminster Fire District #3 and improvements thereon?

Article 18: Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3832(7) to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years, the real estate of the Westminster Recreational Club, Inc. and improvements thereon?

- Article 19:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3832(6) to exempt from taxation for a period of five years, the real estate value of the clinic building and building lot, and the water and sewer improvements of Sojourns Community Health Clinic?
- Article 20:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster allow the Selectboard to offer for public sale, the property known as “North Westminster Community House” to be used exclusively as residential housing? (article tabled at previous Town Meeting)?
- Article 21:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster vote to continue their support for the Westminster Gazette in the annual amount of \$8,000.00 to partially defray costs associated with production and distribution?
- Article 22:** Shall the voters in the Town of Westminster increase the annual Town appropriation from \$7,500 to \$20,000 to support the cost of operation and maintenance of the Westminster Institute and Butterfield Library?
- Article 23:** Shall the Town of Westminster vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$8,000 annually, in addition to the sum included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard, to help support the rapidly rising costs of operation, maintenance and programming for the Westminster West Public Library?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000) to the Bellows Falls Community Bike Project to help defray the operating expenses required to provide low cost bicycles and bicycle repair to the Greater Falls region?
- Article 25:** Shall the Town of Westminster vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$5,000 to help support the food budget of the Putney Foodshelf, which provides services to residents of the Town of Westminster?
- Article 26:** Shall the voters of the Town of Westminster rescind the Town Manager form of governance in accordance with the provision of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
- Article 27:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster Annual Meeting.