

WESTMINSTER SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Remote and in person at Westminster, VT Town Hall

Selectboard Present: Craig Allen (chair), Real Bazin (vice chair), Jason Perry (clerk), and Stephen Major - Charles (Chuck) Lawrence was absent

Staff Present: Millie Barry (clerk), by Zoom, John Ewald (lister)

Others Present: – 1 person from FACTV, Joshua Stillerman, Kathy Kemp, Elise Manning Sterling, Annie Smith, David Major, Yesenia Major, Sarah Waldo, by Zoom, Peggy O’Toole, Nancy Pike and Bari Shamas

1. **Call to Order:** Craig Allen, chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Information to access a future meeting using a remote connection, when available, can be found on the Town of Westminster website or by contacting the Westminster Town Hall. This meeting was recorded by FACTV.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** None
3. **Revision of Town Meeting Warning:** Craig Allen said the meeting was hastily requested and warned for 24 hours. Mr. Allen continued that legal counsel advised Article 17 on the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting, approved by the Selectboard 1/20/2026, **“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 State Constitution (Non-Binding Article)”**, could not be on the Selectboard portion of the meeting as it was non-binding, only binding articles are allowed under the Town portion of the warning. Mr. Allen said the Board could remove the article, move it to another location in the Warning or leave it as Article 17. Leaving the article in position #17 would be against legal counsels’ advice. David Major, Moderator, read from VT Statutes, Town Meeting, [17 VSA § 2642](#), “The Warning shall also contain any article, articles requested by petition signed by 5% of the voters in the municipality and filed by the municipal clerk not less than 47 days before the meeting.” Supreme Court determined if a voter backed petition does not deal with a matter over which municipal voters do not have authority in statute, the legislative body may choose how to respond to that petition including refusing to place on warning or placing it under non-binding section of the warning. The Select Board agreed to place the article as Article 2. Stephen Major motioned to move Article 17 in the Selectboard approved warning to Article 2, before the school articles. Real Bazin seconded, motion carried by voice vote (Perry, Bazin, Allen, Major).
4. **Other Business:** Peggy O’Toole noted in the most recent budget information presented, the administrative wages are not divided out. Ms. O’Toole said she requested the itemized information last year and wondered why it had not been done this year. Mr. Allen said he believed, as the budget was recently approved, the information had not yet been itemized but would be available at Town Meeting.
5. **Adjournment:** Jason Perry motioned to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. Real Bazin seconded, meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk

Date

