

**WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at Dutton Gymnasium, located at 2030 VT Route 30, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:00am, to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I: To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To act upon the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 independent auditor's report.

ARTICLE III: Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect current taxes and to add \$1,500.00 for the treasurer's salary.

For informational purposes to be discussed in ARTICLE VII under the General Fund budget.

Town Clerk:	\$42,503.00
Town Treasurer:	\$34,168.00
Selectboard:	
(1) Chair:	\$1,500.00
(4) Members:	\$4,800.00
Casual Labor:	\$17.98 per hour (2.5%)

ARTICLE IV: To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):

Town Clerk:	(1) 1 year term
Town Treasurer:	(1) 1 year term
Selectboard:	(1) 3 year term
Selectboard:	(2) 1 year term
Listers:	(1) 3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector:	(1) 1 year term
First Constable:	(1) 1 year term
Second Constable:	(1) 1 year term
Cemetery Commissioner:	(1) 5 year term
Library Trustee:	(1) 5 year term
WRMUED Representative	(1) 3 year term

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 25, 2025, November 25, 2025, February 25, 2026, and May 26, 2026. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (.5%) or fraction thereof, Interest of one percent (1.0%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 30, 2026?

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$646,435.00** to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which **\$278,312.00** to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$1,039,752.00** to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads of which **\$834,455.00** to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$77,850.00**, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the library.

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will raise **\$2,100.00**, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

ARTICLE XI: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway reserve Fund to be used for highway infrastructure projects as well as the purchase, current, and future leasing and repair of highway equipment in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

ARTICLE XII: To see if the Town will vote to raise, by taxation, and appropriate **\$500,000.00** to the Highway Reserve Fund with the following allocation;

1. \$200,000 to be used towards funding highway infrastructure.
2. \$300,000 to be used towards funding current leases (for FY26 only, after which leases will be added as a budgetary line item), as well as future purchases leasing, and repair of highway equipment.

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to move highway surplus funds up to \$75,000.00 into the Highway Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$20,000.00**, by taxation, to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Fund toward a future pumper?

ARTICLE XV: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$10,000.00**, by taxation, to be placed in the Fire Pond Reserve account toward a future fire pond or maintenance of the existing fire ponds?

ARTICLE XVI: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$22,388.00**, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

ARTICLE XVII: To see if the Town will vote to maintain the current trash collection system with the following modifications: institute an annual charge of \$100.00 for the transfer station "Hang Tag" and to charge \$4.00 per town trash bag.

ARTICLE XVIII: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation water conservation and good forestry practices?

ARTICLE XIX: To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2026 as the date for the 2026 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

ARTICLE XX: To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

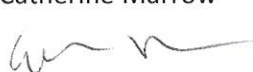
Approved and Dated at Townshend, this 20th day of January 2025.

The Townshend Selectboard;

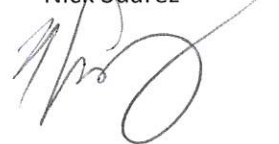
Allie Evans



Catherine Marrow



Nick Suarez



Kate Jansak

Sherwood Lake Jr