



**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium, 3951 Main Street in said Town, on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)** to transact the following business, and to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 A.M.) when the polls will open, and continuing until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.) for the various Town Officers and the article so noted.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3: Shall the voters increase the term for Collector of Delinquent Taxes from a one-year term to a three-year term, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2646(9), commencing after the 2027 Annual Town Meeting on March 2, 2027.

Article 4: Shall the voters approve a municipal budget of \$2,874,507 to pay the operating expenses and indebtedness of the Town, of which an estimated \$2,376,777 will be raised from property taxes?

Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Town to collect taxes on real property by four (4) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: one quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday September 15, 2026; the second quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday November 16, 2026;

the third quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday, February 16, 2027; with the remaining quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, May 17, 2027?

Article 6: In the event the voters approve Article I, authorizing the establishment of Local Option Taxes pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138(b), to be voted by Australian Ballot, shall the voters authorize the transfer of fiscal year 2027 revenue from Local Option Taxes in accordance with the following allocation:

1. 35% to the Bridge & Culvert Reserve Fund;
2. 20% to the Paving Reserve Fund;
3. 15% to the All Hazards Recovery Reserve Fund;
4. 15% to the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department Building Reserve Fund;
5. 15% to the Road Department Facilities Reserve Fund.

Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the creation of an All Hazards Recovery Reserve Fund to enable the Town to fund unanticipated expenses associated with damage to municipal infrastructure from future natural and man-made disasters and similar emergencies, and approve the transfer of \$10,000 to that fund from the general fund?

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to enter into agricultural property tax stabilization agreements, for a period of one year, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741, with property owners whose tax stabilization agreements expired when the Town failed to renew prior agreements in March 2025.

Article 9: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$4,000 to Hannah's House, which provides mental health and counseling services to Town residents, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 10: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$100 Our House of Central Vermont, which provides services to Town residents suffering from abuse, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 11: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$15,150 to the Mad River Path Association for the support of a temporary (one year) project manager/implementation position, pursuant to 24 V.S.A.

§2691, contingent on the Town of Warren, Vermont, also appropriating an equal amount for the same purpose?

Article 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

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ARTICLE I

Shall the voters approve the Town of Waitsfield assessing a one percent (1%) Local Option Tax on sales, rooms, and meals and alcoholic beverages, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138(b), for the purpose of funding capital investments, capital reserves, and debt service to finance municipal infrastructure and capital projects?

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified and warned that a public informational hearing to explain and discuss the Australian ballot Articles set forth above will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 4144 Main Street Waitsfield, Vermont 05673, in the Town, beginning at 6:30pm. The public may attend the informational hearing in person or on Zoom.

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, on this 28th day of January, 2026 by: