

Draft Web Copy for District Expansion Vote

- [Resolution for vote](#)
- [Warning for vote](#)
- The meeting will be held at the Camels Hump Middle School gym on December 7, 2021 at 6:30pm
- The meeting may not be attended virtually.
- Masks are required.
- Eligible voters are all registered voters who reside in the current and proposed expanded district.
 - This includes
 - Voters who live in a home that they own.
 - Voters who live in a home that they rent.
 - If multiple voters reside in the same residence within the current or proposed expanded district, they all may vote. In other words, there is not a limit of one vote per residence.
 - People who own property or a business within the current and proposed expanded area but do not reside in the current or proposed expanded district are not eligible to vote
- All people attending the meeting will be checked in by the Town Clerk.
 - Eligible voters will be directed to sit on the floor of the gym.
 - Those attending who are not eligible voters will be directed to sit in the bleachers.
 - This will help the moderator determine who is eligible to vote on the voice vote.
- This will be a voice vote. Once the question is called the moderator will ask for a voice vote from the floor.
- An eligible voter may ask for a paper ballot. This request must be made prior to the voice vote being held. If this request is supported by 7 eligible voters then it passes. In this case the eligible voters in the room would proceed to cast paper ballots. Only those voters in the room at the time the paper ballot is called for may vote.
- The question being voted on is to consider expanding the water and sewer district from its current western boundary in the Village, westerly along Rt. 2, generally to the town lines with Williston and Jericho. The full description of this is included in the warning. The following maps help to illustrate this better:
 - [Map of current Water and Sewer District](#). The district is marked by both a solid blue line and a dashed blue line.
 - [Map of proposed expansion area](#). The proposed expanded area is enclosed with a solid yellow line.
- If the vote passes this will provide for the authority to expand the water and sewer lines into the new area, but this does not mean that the water and sewer lines must be expanded into this area.
- The Water and Sewer Commission is the body that would decide to expand the water and/or sewer system into the new area.

- Most likely any expansion would need to have a bond vote to aid in paying for the expansion. The Bond would be voted on by all registered voters in Richmond, regardless of if they live in the Water and Sewer District.
- The Water and Sewer Commission is currently looking into several sources of funding to help offset the construction cost of expansion of the sewer system.
- Fees for future users.
 - Fees will not be levied if the district is expanded. Fees are not levied until the system expands. At that point the following fees would apply to new users:
 - Payback of Bond for construction
 - Fixed fees will be levied on all properties that a new line serves as soon as the line is installed and operational.
 - Metered fees and allocation would not be due until a property connects to the system.
 - By ordinance the Town can mandate that a property connect to the system 90 days after the system is constructed in front of the property. In the last expansion on Cochran Rd. the Town allowed property owners 7 years to connect. If the Commission decides to extend the time for connection, fixed fees and bond payment fees would be owed as soon as the line is completed and prior to connection.
- Other cost considerations for future users:
 - Each future user would be responsible for the cost to connect to the system and the cost to install a meter.
- If the full expansion of the sewer system were to occur, it would lower sewer rates for current users.
- The Following documents are helpful to review to better understand fees, costs and rates. Please note that these numbers are estimates based on the sewer system expanding to the Riverview Commons Mobile Home Park. The vote on expansion would expand the district beyond the Mobile Home Park and would allow for a discussion of adding users beyond the Mobile Home Park.
 - [Notes on Costs and Rates for Gateway Expansion Project](#)
 - [Phase I, II and III Bond Payback and Rate Estimates](#)
 - [Water VS. Wastewater Meter Costs](#)
 - [Estimated Private Costs To Connect to Public System](#)
 - [Guideline for Estimating Individual Costs](#)
 - [Preliminary Engineering Report for Richmond West Main Sewer Extension \(Final Draft\)](#)