

**OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026
RICHMOND, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10 AM to transact business on the following articles not involving voting by Australian ballot, being Articles 1 through 4.

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond, Vermont, and the legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District residing in said Town of Richmond are further warned and notified to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:00 in the forenoon (AM), at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 in the afternoon (PM) at which time the polls will close, to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot, being Articles 5 through 18:

By Floor Vote

- Article 1. To hear reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2. Shall the Town of Richmond continue to fund Fourth of July Fireworks through a line item in the Town budget (advisory, nonbinding article)?
- Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond adopt the following pledge?
WE AFFIRM our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people; and
WE OPPOSE all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression;
and
WE DECLARE ourselves an apartheid-free community, and to that end,
WE PLEDGE to join others in working to end all support to Israel's apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.
- Article 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Australian Ballot

- Article 5. To elect School and Town Officers for terms posted on ballot.
- Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$5,955,969.00 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond in Fiscal Year 2027?
- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond, as required under 24 VSA § 4385, adopt the 2026 Richmond Town Plan?

- Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve funding the Conservation Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in Fiscal Year 2027?
- Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve funding the Town Center Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in Fiscal Year 2027?
- Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$500.00 to Vermont Family Network to be raised by taxes to provide support to Richmond families with children with special needs, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$3,500.00 to Age Well to be raised by taxes to provide support and guidance to Town residents aged 60 years and older, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$375.00 to VT Center for Independent Living to be raised by taxes for providing services to enhance the lives of Town residents with disabilities, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$1,000.00 to The Committee on Temporary Shelter to be raised by taxes to provide emergency shelter, services, and housing for Town residents who are homeless or marginally housed, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$6,000.00 to Our Community Cares Camp to be raised by taxes to provide enrichment and food services to children, internship opportunities for youth, job training, and development for young adults for Town residents, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$1,500.00 to Steps to End Domestic Violence to be raised by taxes for assisting Town residents who have been affected physically, sexually, emotionally, or economically by domestic abuse in the transition to a safe, independent life, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?

- Article 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$5,000.00 to Turning Point Center of Chittenden County to be raised by taxes to provide to Town residents an inclusive compassionate community supporting those on multiple paths to recovery through peer-driven services in a safe, substance-free environment, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 17. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$1,885.00 to HOPE Works to be raised by taxes for their work to end all forms of sexual violence to Town residents, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?
- Article 18. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve appropriating \$2,000.00 to Howard Center Inc. to be raised by taxes for their work to help Town residents thrive by providing supports and services to address mental health, substance use, and developmental needs, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support thereof?

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

Richmond Select Board

Adam Wood, Chair

Caitlin Filkins, Vice Chair

Greg Rabideau

Bard Hill

David Sander

Received for record this 22nd day of January 2026.

Susanne Parent, Town Clerk



SPECIAL NOTES

Requests for **early voter absentee ballots** will be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office until **NOON on February 27, 2026**

Richmond Select Board: The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are further warned and notified that two public informational meetings will be held at Richmond Town Center in the Town of Richmond on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 10 AM, and Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7 PM for the purpose of explaining the Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

These meetings may also be attended online or by phone:

Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 10 AM

Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85771651886?pwd=4mmFlA5fYZu9HSpMTb2u1n04XGM4ti.1>

Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 857 7165 1886

Passcode: 132331

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7 PM

Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84542325455?pwd=sS7vszGzOlJd5BOPMTHdxLWoaaw3r.1>

Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 845 4232 5455

Passcode: 471744
