

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

ELECTION RESULTS

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)?

Comment: *Passed with slim majority.*

YES ___√___ NO _____

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.

Comment: *Ended with a paper ballot 74 to 64 to postpone the Article Indefinitely.*

YES _____ NO ___√___

Article 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Comment: A) *A question about the warning signatures. Answer: The Selectboard members in attendance signed the warning when it was approved.*

B) Town Report was approved by the body.

C) Consider providing childcare for Town meeting. **Body – Voice Vote-Yes.**

D) Consider a pay-as-you-can for charitable requests, a one-cent of the taxes spent between charities, conservation, recreation, seniors, and other optional spending, have giving options as the state does for the wildlife fund, etc. **Body - Voice Vote - NO.**

E) Introduction of Interim Chief Matt Cohen and Duke.

Floor Discussion

Articles 5-9 No discussion from the floor.

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?

YES 692 NO 172

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond, as required under 24 VSA § 4385, adopt the 2026 Richmond Town Plan?

YES 689 NO 151

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?

YES 636 NO 230

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?

YES 640 NO 214

Charitable Contributions: Articles 10 – 18

A question was raised from the floor, how many Richmond residents served.

Answer: all requests have packet online available for review and answers that question.

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?

YES_√_645_ NO 213

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?

YES_√__633 NO 214

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?

YES_√__635 NO 208

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?

YES_√__606 NO 240

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?

YES_√__617 NO 229

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?

YES 619 NO 224

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?

YES 518 NO 316

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?

YES 582 NO 255

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?

YES 603 NO 247

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 TOWN OFFICERS RESULTS

MODERATOR 1 YR TERM: Clint Buxton 763

SELECTBOARD 1 YR(last year) of 3 Yr TERM: Gregory Rabideau 696

SELECTBOARD 3 YR TERM: David Sander 639

SELECTBOARD 2 YR TERM: Adam Wood 677

CEMETERY TRUSTEE: George Gifford 730

LIBRARY TRUSTEE: Ellen Crary 724

FIRST CONSTABLE: Andy Squires 683

MMUUSD SCHOOL DIRECTOR:
3 YR TERM Tara Arneson 670

Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Results:

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District authorize the School Board under 16 V.S.A 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year? **YES** √ 2661 **NO 851**

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to transfer the audited general fund balance, of the current fiscal year, to a Capital Reserve Fund, to be used for capital improvements and operations of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District? **YES** √ 2949 **NO 591**

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$64,963,496 which is the amount the School Board has determined necessary for the 2026-27 fiscal year? The Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,771, which is 9.79% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.
YES √ 2257 **NO 1290**

Moderator:

David Clark **3022**

Treasurer:

David Clark **2876**

Clerk:

Write-Ins **193**

Town Meeting 2026 Results/SP