

On January 5, 2026, the Selectboard made an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance. The largest change in this amendment was to add stop signs on Bridge St. and Huntington Rd. where these roads intersect with Thompson Rd. and Cochran Rd. Other changes included in the amendment were cleaning up some language in the Traffic Ordinance regarding existing stop signs.

There is a statutory process which allows for a petition to be submitted to disapprove of the amendment to the Traffic Ordinance. A petition was submitted and that triggers a Special Town Meeting (being held on Thursday, April 16, 2026) to allow for all voters in the Town of Richmond to vote on the question of disapproving the amendment that the Selectboard made to the Traffic Ordinance on January 5, 2026. Although this is phrased as a Special Town Meeting, there will not be an actual meeting on April 16, 2026. Per the Richmond Town Charter, there will be a vote by Australian ballot held at the Town Center on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Early voting will begin on Friday, March 27, 2026, also at the Town Center.

A Public Informational Meeting is being held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 7pm at the Richmond Free Library and via Zoom to discuss the Article. At this meeting the Selectboard will discuss the amendment to the Traffic Ordinance and the public can ask questions and provide comments.

The Article reads as follows:

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond disapprove of the proposed amendments to the Town of Richmond, Vermont Traffic Ordinance approved on January 5, 2026?

A "Yes" vote is a vote to **disapprove** of the changes the Selectboard made on January 5, 2026. If the majority vote "Yes" the amendment **would be disapproved** and the stop signs **would not** be installed.

A "No" vote is a vote to **not disapprove** of the changes the Selectboard made on January 5, 2026. If the majority vote "No" the amendment **would not be disapproved** and the stop signs **would** be installed.

Here is a link to the official warning for the Special Meeting (the Australian ballot voting) being held on April 16, 2026:

<https://www.richmondvt.gov/calendar/meeting/selectboard-4-16-26>