

RUTLAND TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Rutland Town Elementary School on Post Road on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Articles 1 through 23. At the close of business, the meeting shall recess to 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at the Town Hall in Center Rutland for voters living on the west side of Route 7, and the Elementary School on Post Road for voters on the east side of Route 7, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 through 23 inclusive. Polls will close at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026.

ARTICLES:

1. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to approve ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,433,718.00) for use toward the operation of the General Fund Budget to be offset by anticipated income & local option tax receipts from the State of Vermont, the remainder of which, if any, to be raised by taxes?
2. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$763,786.00) for use toward the operation of the Police Fund Budget?
3. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,211,866.00) for use toward the operation of the Highway Fund Budget?
4. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$266,444.00) for use toward the operation of the Fire Fund Budget?
5. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$197,570.00) for use toward the operation of the Recreation Fund Budget?
6. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$535.00) toward supporting the work of the Vermont Center for Independent Living for the year 2026?
7. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$670.00) toward supporting the work of the Retired Senior Volunteer Service (RSVP) for the year 2026?
8. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) toward supporting the work of ARC (Advocacy, Resources, Community) for the year 2026?

9. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) toward supporting the work of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging Inc. for the elderly citizens of Rutland Town for the year 2026?
10. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) toward supporting the work of the Child First Advocacy Center for the year 2026?
11. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,850.00) for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit District's (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town for the year 2026?
12. Shall the Town of Rutland appropriate FOUR THOUSAND, NINETY-FOUR & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,094.00) to the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region, along with area businesses and municipalities with the ultimate goal of growing the economy in our region for the year 2026?
13. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWO & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,502.00) toward supporting the work of Rutland Mental Health for the year 2026?
14. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,470.00) toward supporting the work of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) for the year 2026?
15. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes the sum of money not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) for scholarships, to be awarded to worthy 2026 High School graduates of the Town of Rutland, who have resided in the Town at least two (2) years and wish to attend institutions of higher learning?
16. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes the sum of money not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,696.00) toward the operating cost of the Regional Ambulance Service for the year 2026?
17. Shall the Town of Rutland continue its participation in the Rutland Free Library Association Inc. and to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$113,949.00) for the year 2026?
18. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (\$3,900) to support the programs and services of BROCC Community Action (formerly Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc.) in 2026?
19. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to appropriate and expend the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED (\$4,500), for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to residents of Rutland Town?

20. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of THREE THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000) for the support of Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County to provide services to residents of the Town?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Rutland authorize an increase in the funding rate of the Fire Department Depreciation Fund for the replacement, repair and/or maintenance of fire equipment and infrastructure from the present rate of .0175 (1 3/4 cents) per \$100 to the rate of .02 (2 cents) per \$100 of assessed property valuation?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Rutland authorize the purchase of a new excavator and trailer for the Highway Department of the Town of Rutland with the total estimated purchase price of \$165,000 to be paid for by raising taxes in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND & NO /100 DOLLARS (\$165,000)?
23. To elect the following town officers:
- a. A Town Clerk for a term of three years;
 - b. A Town Treasurer for a term of three years;
 - c. A Moderator for a term of one year;
 - d. A Grand Juror for a term of one year;
 - e. A Selectboard member for a term of two years;
 - f. A Selectboard member for a term of three years;
 - g. A Lister for a term of three years;
 - h. A First Constable for a term of two years;
 - i. A Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years;
 - j. A Cemetery Commissioner for a term of two years;
 - k. A School Board member for a term of two years;
 - l. A School Board member for a term of three years;
24. To transact any other necessary, legal and proper business, which may come before said meeting.

Dated at Rutland Town, Vermont this 20th day of January, 2026.

Rutland Town Select Board



Mary Ashcroft, Chair



Joseph Denardo, Clerk



Matthew Getty



Sharon Russell



Kurt Hathaway