

WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
(CORRECTED JANUARY 27, 2026)
2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at Dutton Gymnasium, located at 2030 VT Route 30, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00am, to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I: To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To act upon the July 1, 2024– June 30, 2025 independent auditor’s report.

ARTICLE III: Shall the voters vote to restructure the Finance Department to create a part-time Treasurer and part-time book-keeper to fulfill the duties of the treasurer and tax collector.

For informational purposes to be discussed in ARTICLE VII under the General Fund budget.

Town Clerk: \$43,693.00

Town Treasurer: \$5,000.00

Town Book-Keeper: \$20,000.00

Selectboard:

(1) Chair: \$1,500.00

(4) Members: \$5,200.00

Casual Labor: \$18.48 per hour (2.8%)

ARTICLE IV: To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):

Town Clerk: (1) 1 year term

Town Treasurer: (1) 1 year term

Selectboard: (1) 3 year term

Selectboard: (2) 1 year term

Listers: (1) 3 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector: (1) 1 year term

First Constable: (1) 1 year term

Second Constable: (1) 1 year term

Library Trustee: (1) 5 year term

WRMUED Representative (1) 3 year term

Cemetery Commission (1) 5 year term (3/2031)

Cemetery Commission (1) 2 yrs remaining of 5 yr term (3/2028)

Cemetery Commission (1) 3 yrs remaining of 5 yr term (3/2029)

Planning Commission (1) 3 yrs remaining of 5 yr term (3/2029)

Planning Commission (1) 5 year term (3/2031)

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 26, 2026; November 24, 2026, February 24, 2027, and May 26, 2027. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (.5%) or fraction thereof, Interest of one percent (1.0%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 30, 2027?

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$635,526.00** to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which **\$441,585.00** to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$1,114,215.00** to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town’s roads of which **\$736,065.00** to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$104,382.00**, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the library.

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will raise **\$2,100.00**, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

ARTICLE XI: To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Surplus Fund to carry over highway surplus funds to address large highway projects and save money for future highway expenses?

ARTICLE XII: To see if the Town will vote to raise, by taxation, and appropriate **\$400,000.00** to the Highway Reserve Fund with the following allocation:

\$200,000 to be used towards funding highway infrastructure.

\$200,000 to be used towards funding future purchases leasing, and repair of highway equipment.

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$15,000**, by taxation, and placed in a Fire Department Reserve Fund for vehicle repair, as requested by the town auditor and Selectboard?

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$20,000.00**, by taxation, to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Fund toward a future pumper?

ARTICLE XV: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$4,000.00**, by taxation, to be placed into the Fire Pond Reserve to be used for future hydrant projects and repairs to existing hydrants?

ARTICLE XVI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00**, by taxation, to be placed in a Town Hall & Opera House Capital Preservation Fund, to be used exclusively for ongoing structural, mechanical and historic preservation work on the Town Hall & Opera House building - specifically excluding routine maintenance, day-to-day operational expenses, or any other costs currently funded under existing Town Hall budget line items - with expenditures from said Fund to be approved by the Selectboard.

ARTICLE XVII: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$20,015.00**, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

ARTICLE XVIII: To see if the town will vote to raise **\$65,000.00**, by taxation, for the purpose of purchasing a trash compacting system for trash collection at the Transfer Station?

ARTICLE XIX: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?

ARTICLE XX: To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2027 as the date for the 2027 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

ARTICLE XXI: To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Approved and Dated at Townshend, this 27th day of January 2026.

The Townshend Selectboard;

Allie Evans

Nick Suarez


Katie Marrow

Steve Frisk


Rob Wright
