

WARNING

City of Newport, Vermont

107th Annual Meeting

March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the City of Newport, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Newport Municipal Building, 222 Main St., in said City of Newport on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, beginning at 8:00 am, at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, to act on the following articles to be voted by Australian Ballot (Articles 1 through 16), and to meet at the Newport Municipal Building, 222 Main St., in said City of Newport on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 8:00 pm to transact business on the following article not involving voting by Australian Ballot (Article 17):

The legal voters of the City of Newport, County of Orleans, State of Vermont, are further notified and warned that a public informational hearing to explain and discuss the Australian Ballot Articles set forth below (Articles 1 through 16) will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Newport Municipal Building, 222 Main St., in said City of Newport. The public may attend the informational hearing in person or on Zoom at the following information:

Video Link: meet.google.com/per-hcic-vex or dial: +1 669-220-6725, PIN 298692296

Article 1

To elect by Australian Ballot in accordance with provisions of the Charter of the City of Newport, Vermont as amended and Title 17 VSA, Chapter 55, Sec. 2630, the following officers: a Mayor for two years ensuing, two Council Members for two years ensuing, a City Clerk for three years ensuing, a City Treasurer for Three years ensuing, one Trustee to North Country Union High School District #22 for three years ensuing, two Trustees to Newport City School District for three years ensuing, a Constable for one year ensuing, and three Grand Jurors for three years ensuing.

Article 2

Shall the City compensate the Mayor and Council Members serving the City of Newport for the ensuing year as follows: for the Mayor Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,250), for the Council Member serving as Council President, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), for the remaining Council Members, One Thousand Seven Hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750)?

Article 3

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont approve a budget of Five Million Two hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$5,267,700.20) for the general operation and to cover liabilities of the City of Newport, Vermont, including amounts approved by the voters as appropriations or assessments, and authorize the City to assess a tax in addition to amounts the City is by Law authorized to assess, sufficient to provide funds for the same?

Article 4

Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School District approve the Newport City School Board to expend \$8,802,517, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The district estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,757, which is 0.36% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

Article 5

Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School Board to transfer \$310,000, of unallocated, audited General Fund Balance to the Construction/Building Maintenance Fund from the 2023-2024 school year?

Article 6

Shall the voters of the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$49,847) to support recycling in the City of Newport, and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 7

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) to help defray the operational expenses of the Goodrich Memorial Library and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 8

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500) to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aids, Homemaker and Personnel Care Attendants, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the agency and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 9

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to Rural Community Transportation (RCT) for services provided to the residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 10

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonter's for the ensuing year and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 11

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$4,818) to support Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. a nonprofit 501-C3 organization, to assist in providing Psychiatric Mental Health Services to residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 12

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) to support Umbrella, Inc. in providing services to residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 13

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. to provide services to residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 14

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal shelter with it's commitments to rescuing, providing care for, and findings homes for unwanted pets and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 15

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational programs, and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?

Article 16

Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to ConnectABILITIES, formally OCCA, for the purpose of supporting programs and activities which seek to provide support, advocacy, and community connections for individuals with developmental disabilities in Orleans County and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient tom pay the same?

The preceding articles will be voted upon at the Newport City Municipal Building using the Australian Ballot System. The polls will open at 8:00 am in the forenoon and close at 7:00 pm in the afternoon.

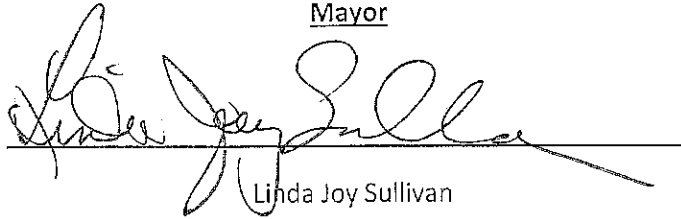
The Following article(s) will be voted upon at the same place beginning at 8:00 pm in the evening.

Article 17

To act on any other business that may legally come before the 107th Annual meeting of the City of Newport, Vermont.

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

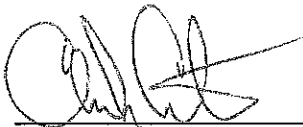
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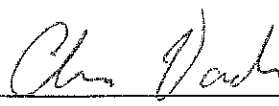
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City Council

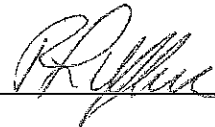
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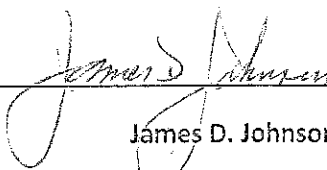


Christopher Vachon



Rick Ufford-Chase

City Clerk



James D. Johnson

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