

Annual City Meeting

March 3, 2026

The 108th Annual Meeting of the City of Newport, Vermont was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 in the Newport Municipal Building at 8:00 PM

Articles 1 thru 17 were voted on by Australian Ballot. North Country Union High School District articles IV thru VIII were voted on by paper ballot. The polls opened at 8AM and closed at 7PM.

NCUHSD articles IV thru VIII passed. Newport City articles 1 thru 3, 5 and 6, and 8 thru 17 passed. Newport City articles 4 and 7 did not pass.

Article 18, any other business was address in the Newport Municipal Building starting at 8 pm.

Mayor Ufford-Chase continued the Annual meeting at 8PM. Present were Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase, outgoing Council President Kevin Charboneau by phone, council members John Monette, Andrew Touchette, Carter Finegan, members of the Press and Public.

Mr. Johnson read the unofficial results of the voting. Official results attached.

City Clerk James D. Johnson gave the newly elected council members John Monette and Sharon Pare the Oath of Office.

Article 18

Other business to legally come before the 108th Annual Meeting.

None

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 8:14pm. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Attested *James Johnson* This *3rd* Day of *March* 2026

[Signature] Mayor

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
108TH ANNUAL MEETING
CITY OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2026**

**TOTAL
VOTERS: 623**

OFFICE	REJECT TOTAL	MACHINE TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
FOR CITY COUNCIL <small>For Two Years Vote for Two</small>			<u>1246</u>
JOHN P. MONETTE	7	464	471
SHARON PARE	11	471	482
WRITE INS		16	16
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	12	265	277
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)	0		
FOR TRUSTEE TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #22 <small>For Three Years Vote for One</small>			<u>623</u>
DEREK JUDD	12	500	512
WRITE INS		1	1
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	3	107	110
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)			
FOR CITY SCHOOL TRUSTEE <small>For Three Years Vote for One</small>			<u>023</u>
MARY ELLEN PRAIRIE	9	502	511
WRITE INS		2	2
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	5	104	109
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)	1		1
FOR CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR <small>For One Year Vote for One</small>			<u>023</u>
WRITE INS	2	22	24
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	13	586	599
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)			
FOR CITY SCHOOL TRUSTEE <small>For Two Years Vote for One</small>			<u>023</u>
WRITE INS	1	17	18
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	14	591	605
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)			
FOR GRAND JUROR <small>For Three Years Vote for Three</small>			<u>1869</u>
WRITE INS	2	29	31
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	43	1795	1838
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)			
FOR CONSTABLE <small>For One Year Vote for One</small>			<u>023</u>
WRITE INS	1	29	30
BLANK (UNDERVOTES)	14	579	593
SPOILED (OVERVOTES)			

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Article	YES	NO	BLANK	SPOILED	15 Reject Total	608 Machine Total	Grand Total
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)?	YES 10	NO 4	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	463	473
Article 3 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont approve the FY2027 budget, as recommended by the City Council, of \$9,341,645.09 of which \$3,184,208.45 is non-tax revenue, and \$6,157,436.64 of which is to be raised by taxes, 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 allowed by law to assess, sufficient to provide for the same?	YES 4	NO 9	BLANK 2	SPOILED 0	0	307	311
Article 4 Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School District to approve the Newport City School Board to expend \$9,293,096, 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 \$15,603, which is 5.47 % higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.	YES 6	NO 7	BLANK 2	SPOILED 0	0	300	306
Article 5 Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School Board to transfer \$250,000, of unallocated, unaudited general fund balance to the Construction/Building Maintenance Fund from the 2024-2025 school years?	YES 8	NO 6	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	412	420
Article 6 Shall the voters of the City of Newport, Vermont vote to pay Real Property Taxes in four installments with due dates of September 15, 2026, December 15, 2026, March 15, 2027, and June 15, 2027, (32 V.S.A. sec. 4773) with an interest charge of 1% per month added if each installment is not paid by the due date (32 V.S.A. sec. 5136); after June 15, 2027, any unpaid taxes will be charged an 8% commission or Penalty (32 V.S.A. sec. 1674) plus interest?	YES 8	NO 5	BLANK 2	SPOILED 0	0	346	354
Article 7 Shall the voters of the City of Newport, Vermont approve an amendment to the City's Charter, dated January 28, 2026, containing the following sections? Subchapter 1: Incorporation and Powers of the City Subchapter 2: Governance Structure Subchapter 3: City Manager Subchapter 4: City Clerk and Treasurer Subchapter 5: City Meetings Subchapter 6: Ordinances Subchapter 7: Administration Subchapter 8: Budget Process Subchapter 9: General Provisions The Charter Amendment in its entirety is available for inspection at the City of Newport City Clerk's Office during regular office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Charter Amendment is also available for review on the City's website at www.newportvermont.org	YES 3	NO 11	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	186	189
Article 8 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?	YES 7	NO 7	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	444	451
Article 9 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 Personal Care Attendants, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the agency to the residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES 10	NO 4	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	494	504
Article 10 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?	YES 10	NO 3	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	462	472
Article 11 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 Vermonters and residents of the City of Newport for the ensuing year and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES 12	NO 2	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	510	522
	YES 1	NO 1	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	9	10
	YES 1	NO 1	BLANK 1	SPOILED 0	0	9	10

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Article 12 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 non-profit 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?	YES	8	427
	NO	5	173
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	SPOILED	1	0
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Article 13 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?	YES	8	375
	NO	6	216
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	SPOILED	0	0
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Article 14 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?	YES	7	404
	NO	6	193
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	SPOILED	1	0
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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 for the residents of the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES	8	391
	NO	5	206
	BLANK	2	11
	SPOILED	0	0
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Article 16 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to CONNECTABILITIES, formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy, for the purpose of supporting programs and activities which seek to provide support, advocacy, and community connections for individuals with developmental disabilities in the City of Newport and Orleans County and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES	9	438
	NO	5	162
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	SPOILED	0	0
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Article 17 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care for, and finding homes for unwanted pets in the City of Newport and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES	9	459
	NO	3	142
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	SPOILED	1	0
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**CITY OF NEWPORT
OFFICIAL RESULTS**

**NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
& NEWPORT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARCH 3, 2026

ARTICLE IV:

Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$24,273,900, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,213, which is 3.44% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

YES	NO	BLANK	SPOILED
323	292	7	1

ARTICLE V:

Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$300,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund?

YES	NO	BLANK	SPOILED
385	224	11	1

ARTICLE VI:

Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$7,169,400 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,594, which is 1.58% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

YES	NO	BLANK	SPOILED
353	261	9	0

ARTICLE VII:

Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

YES	NO	BLANK	SPOILED
408	202	12	1

ARTICLE VIII:

Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$150,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Field of Dreams Reserve Fund?

YES NO BLANK SPOILED

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ARTICLE X 4

Shall the voters of the Newport City School District approve the Newport City School Board to expend \$9,293,096.00, 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 \$15,603, which is 5.47% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

YES
306

NO
312

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ARTICLE V:

Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School Board to transfer \$250,000, of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance to the Construction/Building Maintenance Fund from the 2024-2025 school year?

YES
412

NO
187

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24

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School Board Member(s) Elected:

Yes/No? Y
Yes/No? Y
Yes/No? Y

Local Board
Local Board
NCUHS Board

3 Years
3 Years
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Mary Ellen Praire
Derek Judd

Signature

Board of Civil Authority

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