

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL MEETING
TOWN OF NEWPORT – 2024

NOTICE...TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF NEWPORT.
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT FROM 8:00AM TO 7:00PM AT THE NEWPORT
TOWN SCHOOL GYM IN NEWPORT CENTER ON TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2024 ON THE
FOLLOWING:

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER –

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT AND OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ARE HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL
GYM IN NEWPORT CENTER, VERMONT ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 2024 AT
6:00PM TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

1. Request by the Clerk to dispose of the reading of the entire warning.
2. To elect a Moderator.
3. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers as follows:
 - a. Fire Department report
 - b. Treasurer's report
 - c. Selectboard's report
 - d. Tax Collector's report
 - e. School Directors' report
 - f. Principal's report
 - g. Lister's report
4. To elect all necessary officers as follows:
 - a. Town Clerk for a three year term
 - b. Town/School Treasurer for a three term
 - c. Selectperson for a three year term
 - d. School director for a three year term
 - e. School director for a two year term
 - f. Union School Director for a three year term
 - g. Lister for a three year term
 - h. Delinquent tax collector for a one year term
 - i. First constable for a one year term
 - j. Second constable for a one year term
 - k. Planning board member for a three year term
 - l. Planning board member for a three year term
 - m. Planning board member for a three year term

5. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$20,496.00 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to allow for police services in town for the contractual year of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. (\$19,488.00 was voted last year).
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to approve a one year contract in the amount of \$67,491.00 to the Newport Ambulance Service, Inc. (\$62,777.00 was voted last year).
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$40,678.13 to the Newport Town Fire Department to help defray expenses. (\$40,611.74 was voted last year).
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$30,000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to be placed in a reserve fund for the purchase of equipment and vehicles that will outdate and/or need to be replaced. (\$30,000.00 was voted last year).
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$300.00 per student for "Special Busing". This amount to be paid directly to the bus service, if available. If busing is not available, individuals MUST present a bill to the Clerk's Office prior to October 1st, 2024, with verification that their child is attending a certified private school and the date of enrollment as a regular education student.
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport School District approve the school board to expend \$3,809,719.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. (3,396,954.00 was voted last year).
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport School District approve the school board to transfer the \$75,500.00 unallocated unaudited general fund balance from the 2022-2023 school year to the capital improvement fund. (none was voted last year).
12. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$327,227.01 for the General Fund expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (\$298,661.03 was voted last year).
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$875,674.67 for the Roads and Equipment expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (estimated anticipated state aid revenue for 2024 \$53,030.28) (\$826,355.58 was voted last year).
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$21,000.00 for the Lister's expenditures (\$21,000.00 was voted last year).
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to transfer into the re-appraisal fund the amount not used by the lister's budget in 2023 which is \$5,855.65.

16. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Goodrich Memorial Library (\$25,000.00 was voted last year).
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,100.00 to Rural Community Transportation (RCT) for services provided to residents that live in the Town of Newport. (\$1,100.00 was voted last year).
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society to assist with it's commitments to rescuing, and finding homes for unwanted pets. (\$500.00 was voted last year).
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to residents of the town. (\$1,000.00 was voted last year).
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$625.00 to the Old Stone House Museum to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its Educational Program, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. (\$625.00 was voted last year).
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$3,188.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, to provide psychiatric mental health services to residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. (3,188.00 was voted last year).
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town. (\$2,200.00 was voted last year.)
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and to direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. (\$500.00 was voted last year).
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$4,200.00 to Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.(\$4,200.00 was voted last year).
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,500.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA), a not for profit 501©(3), to offer Food Shelf services to residents.

26. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting?

27. To Adjourn.

DATED AT NEWPORT CENTER THIS 29th DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2024.

Steven Barrup

Cameron Thompson

Jerry Waterman

Dari-Joi Glover

Richard Gosselin
Selectboard – Town of Newport

Reene Fontaine

Tina Royer

Jillian Raymond
School Board, Town of Newport

Received and recorded this 29th day of January, 2024.

Denise Daigle-Town and School Clerk and Treasurer