

Warning
ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL MEETING
TOWN OF NEWPORT – 2026

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 3RD, 2026 ON THE FOLLOWING: NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL GYM IN NEWPORT CENTER, VERMONT ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 3RD, 2026 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 Treasurer for a three year 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. Delinquent tax collector for a one year term
 - g. First constable for a one year term
 - h. Second constable for a one year term
 - i. Planning board member for a three year term
 - j. Planning board member for a three year term
 - k. Planning board member for a three year term
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$23,016.00 to allow approximately 6.46 hours per week of police services in town for the contractual year of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. (\$21,840.00 was voted last year).
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to approve a one year contract in the amount of \$74,134.66 to the Newport Ambulance Service Inc. (\$71,979.00 was voted last year).

- 7.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$45,000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to help defray expenses. (\$45,000.00 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 Town Clerk's Office prior to October 1st, 2026, 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 \$4,106,929.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. The Newport Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,335.00 which is 0.36% lower than per pupil education spending for the current year. (\$4,058,641.00 was voted last year).
- 11.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$350,335.00 for the General Fund expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue. (\$353,048.96 was voted last year).
- 12.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$916,099.00 for the Roads & Equipment expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (estimated anticipated state aid revenue for 2026 is \$58,513.39). (\$905,199.66 was voted last year).
- 13.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$23,200 for the Assessor's Expenditures. (\$30,000.00 was voted for the Lister's Expenditures last year).
- 14.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to transfer into the reappraisal fund the amount not used by the Lister's/Assessor's budget in 2025 which is \$8,053.27.
- 15.** 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).
- 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$200.00 to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program, to help towns and local fire departments identify those areas where there is the greatest need for a rural hydrant, design the hydrant, and draw on grant funds to help towns pay for the new hydrants.
- 17.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1,100.00 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. to provide services for the residents of the Town of Newport. (\$1,100.00 was voted last year).
- 18.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate the sum of \$625.00 for the Orleans County Historical Society, Inc. to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. (\$625.00 was voted last year).
- 19.** Shall the Town of Newport vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$3,188.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to

support community members who cannot otherwise afford care? (\$3,188.00 was voted last year).

- 20.** Shall the Town of Newport vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,200.00 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to residents of the Town? (\$2,200.00 was voted last year).
- 21.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$500.00 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of building and supporting one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included, and empowered. (\$500.00 was voted last year).
- 22.** 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).
- 23.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Learning Services. Inc. (NEKLS) to provide services to the residents of the Town. (\$1,000.00 was voted last year).
- 24.** Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to, and finding homes for unwanted pets. (\$500.00 was voted last year).
- 25.** To hear any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting?
- 26.** To adjourn.

DATED AT NEWPORT CENTER THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2026.

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 _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

HANNAH ROBERTS
Town Clerk & Treasurer