

WARNING
TOWN OF STARKSBORO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 28, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro in the County of Addison and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the Robinson Elementary School within said Town of Starksboro on **Saturday the 28th of February, A.D. 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** to discuss and transact the following business from the floor:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect Town Officers and Mt. Abraham Unified School District Officers, to vote on the Mt. Abraham Union School District Budget, the Hannaford Regional Technical School Budget, and transact the following business by Australian ballot (see separate warnings for school items)

Article 1: **To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2026.** To elect Town Officers and Mount Abraham Unified School District Officers for the ensuing terms:

Moderator, 1 year	Planning Commission, 3 years
Selectperson, 2 years remaining of a 3-year term	Library Trustee, 2 years remaining of a 3-year term
Selectperson, 2 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Selectperson, 3 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	First Constable, 1 year
Auditor, 2 years remaining of a 3-year term	Second Constable, 1 year
Auditor, 3 years	Lister, 3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years

Article 2: Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report for the year ending June 30, 2025?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize total fund expenditures of \$1,371,119 of which \$1,071,257 shall be raised by taxes and \$299,862 by non-property tax revenues?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$73,781?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$134,095?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro approve the use of \$35,000 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to assist in repairs and maintenance of town buildings in FY 26-27?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize the transfer of \$109,001.50 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Emergency Fund?

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize the transfer of \$109,001.50 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Highway Fund?

- Article 9:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 26-27, being \$64,115.58?
- Article 10:** Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bristol 4th of July Committee to help fund its annual Independence Day celebration and parade?
- Article 11:** In light of actions taken by the Board of the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD) potentially to close Robinson Elementary School, shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro authorize the community to determine and then inform voters of the steps required (which would include a future vote by the Town's voters) to withdraw from MAUSD as provided in 16 V.S.A §724.
- Article 12:** Shall the registered voters of the Town of Starksboro vote at a special or regular meeting to adopt proposed amendments to the Town Plan or Zoning By-Laws by Australian Ballot in lieu of the Selectboard per 24 V.S.A. §4385(c)?
- Article 13:** Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote to extend the office of Delinquent Tax Collector from a 1-year term to a 3-year term beginning in 2027?

- Article 14:** Shall the voters of Starksboro appropriate a total of 109,357 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

AC Home Health & Hospice	\$1,964.00
AC Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
AC Readers	\$350.00
Addison Co. Restorative Justice	\$800.00
Age Well	\$2,500.00
American Red Cross	\$500.00
Atria Collective (formerly Women Safe)	\$1,250.00
Bristol Family Center	\$500.00
Bristol Have a Heart Food Shelf	\$700.00
Bristol Recreation Dept.	\$2,500.00
Bristol Rescue Squad	\$13,520.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$2,200.00
Elderly Services, Inc	\$900.00
Green Mount Cemetery	\$5,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Homeward Bound	\$500.00
HOPE	\$1,750.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	\$970.00
Lewis Creek Assoc.	\$550.00
Open Door Clinic	\$250.00
Project READ	\$3,000.00
Richmond Rescue	\$6,077.00
Robinson Mentoring Program	\$2,000.00
RSVP/Green Mtn Foster Grandparent Program	\$370.00
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	\$6,000.00
Starksboro Food Shelf	\$5,000.00

Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program	\$1,200.00
Starksboro Rescue Squad	\$12,000.00
Starksboro Sports Program	\$3,500.00
Starksboro Village Meeting House	\$3,000.00
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	\$24,000.00
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	\$2,106.00
Turning Point Center	\$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$700.00
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250.00
Vermont Family Network	\$250.00
TOTAL REQUESTS	<u>\$ 109,357.00</u>

Article 15: Shall the voters of the town vote on the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2026, before 4:30pm after becoming delinquent? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time; postmarks are not considered receipt.

Article 16: Discussion of other nonbinding business

Dated at Starksboro, this 28th day of January, A.D. 2026

s/ Eric Cota



s/ Koran Cousino

s/ Carin McCarthy



s/ Tony Porter

s/ David Schmidt