

TOWN OF STARKSBORO

REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

NOTICE and AGENDA

The Selectboard of the Town of Starksboro will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on **Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 9:00am** to review and discuss the Australian Ballot articles on the 2022 Starksboro Town Meeting Warning. Reminder that all articles will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 and polls will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm at Robinson Elementary School.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

By telephone: Dial +1 929 436 2866 OR +1 301 715 8592

When prompted enter the webinar ID: 859 4374 6073

Passcode: 418960728

By computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943746073?pwd=WXRNRZ0hGTzhkQ3FOUnA1eXA0K0VIUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 4374 6073

Passcode: Starks22#

(Download Zoom meeting software <https://us02web.zoom.us/download>)

iPhone one-tap access: +13126266799,,85943746073#,,,,*418960728# US (Chicago)

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Please review our “Informational Handout for Remote Public Hearings” to understand how this hearing will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to Amy or Rebecca at amy@starksborovt.org or rebecca@starksborovt.org

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote hearing software in advance of the meeting. **If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call 802-453-2639 or email rebecca@starksborovt.org**

AGENDA

9:00am: Call to Order by the Selectboard

9:01am: Additions or deletions to the agenda per 1 VSA 312 (d)(3)(A)

9:02am: Moderator will review hearing guidelines and rules of order

- Public comment

9:07am: Robinson School and Legislative updates: Principal Edorah Frazer,

Rep. Caleb Elder, Rep. Mari Cordes, Senator Christopher Bray and Senator Ruth Hardy

- Public comment

9:45am: Review and discuss Article 1: 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	Planning Commission, 3 years
Selectperson, 3 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Library Trustee, 3 years
Auditor, 3 years	First Constable, 1 year
Lister, 3 years	Second Constable, 1 year
Planning Commission, 3 years	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 1 year

- Public comment

10:05am: Review and discuss **Article 2**: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro accept the Auditors' Report for the year ending June 30, 2021?

- Public comment

10:10am: Review and discuss **Article 3**: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 22-23 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,068,546 less receipts of \$270,890 less the the FY 20-21 carry over surplus of \$89,888 for an amount of \$707,768?

- Public comment

10:20am: Review and discuss **Article 4**: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$52,268?

- Public comment

10:25am: Review and discuss **Article 5**: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$106,216?

- Public comment

10:30am: Review and discuss **Article 6**: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Paving Reserve Fund, being \$40,000?

- Public comment

10:40am: Review and discuss **Article 7**: 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 22-23, being \$39,478?

- Public comment

10:45am: Review and discuss **Article 8**: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to support the general operations of the Starksboro First Response in providing emergency services and assistance to the Starksboro community (FY22-23)?

- Public comment

10:50am: Review and discuss **Article 9:** Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate \$800 for Addison County Restorative Justice Services to support restorative justice programs such as Court Diversion for Youth and adult, Youth Substance Abuse Safety Programs, Driver's license Suspended programs (Civil and Criminal) as well as programming for participants reentering the community after incarceration to increase safety for participant and community? These participants have potential to learn from their mistakes and avoid further involvement with the criminal justice system. The said sum come from Town Funds.

- Public comment

10:55am: Review and discuss **Article 10:** Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate \$1,200 to support the Four Winds Program at Robinson Elementary School to provide community-based natural science education to the school's students, said to come from Town Funds?

- Public comment

11:00am: Review and discuss **Article 11:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?

Robinson Mentoring Program	2000
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	6000
Starksboro Food Shelf	2000
Starksboro Village Meeting House	3000
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	24000
TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>37000</u>

- Public comment

11:10am: Review and discuss **Article 12:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests?

AC Home Health & Hospice	1964
AC Parent/Child Center	1600
AC Readers	350
Age Well	1300
American Red Cross	500
Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Recreation Dept	2500
Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc	7500
Counseling Service of AC	2200
Elderly Services	900
Green Up Vermont	100
Homeward Bound	500

HOPE	1750
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	970
Lewis Creek Association	550
Open Door Clinic	250
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation Dist	176
Richmond Rescue, Inc	4400
RSVP	370
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	2106
Turning Point Center of AC	1000
Vermont Adult Learning	700
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Vermont Family Network	250
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100
WomenSafe	1250
TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>34536</u>

- Public comment

11:20am: Review and Discuss **Article 13**: Shall the voters of the town vote the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 4:30 pm becoming delinquent after November 1, 2022 at 4:30 pm? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt.

- Public comment

11:25am: Review and Discuss **Article 14**: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro ratify the Town of Lincoln's vote of August 24, 2021 to withdraw the Town of Lincoln from the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD)?

- Public Comment

11:35am: Discuss any further non-binding business

- Public comment

11:45am: Entertain a motion by the Selectboard to adjourn

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR REMOTE HEARINGS

Remote Public Informational Hearing

The public informational hearing will be conducted remotely via Zoom. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearing by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing the Hearing

Please refer to the hearing notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote hearing. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting “room” until granted access to the hearing. You will be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the hearing.

Participation

The Hearing will follow the agenda and be run by the Moderator in conjunction with the Selectboard. The Moderator will allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means during comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed. Initially, the hearing host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Moderator.

Please review the following guidelines:

- The Moderator will invite comment:
 - during the time designated on the agenda for public comment;
 - during any open public comment period, if applicable; and
 - other times as determined by the Moderator or Selectboard Chair.
- When a participant/attendee is unmuted, they must state their name before commenting.

When the Selectboard adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by turning off/closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the hearing will be made available in accordance with VT’s Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

Important Dates for Your Calendar!



Dog Licenses Due 4/1
Homestead Declaration Deadline 4/18



2022 Annual Starksboro Town Meeting

CHANGES & KEY INFORMATION ENCLOSED

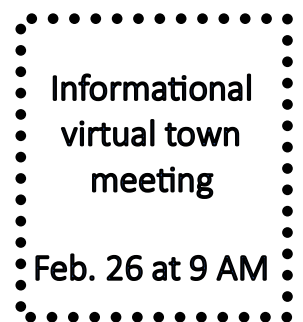


Due to health precautions related to COVID-19, there will be **NO in-person Town Meeting this February/March.**

All Articles normally voted during Town Meeting will be voted by paper ballot on March 1, 2022, as allowed by the Vermont Legislature in Act 77.

To request a March 1, 2022 Town Meeting ballot so you can vote early, please CALL the town office at 453-2639. You may also pick up a ballot at the office. ***You must request an early ballot to be mailed to you. They will NOT be automatically mailed to everyone.***

- If you prefer to vote in person on Election Day (March 1, 2022), the polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM. Voting at Robinson Elementary School. Masks and social distancing required. You should plan on extra time to vote as there will be multiple articles to vote on. There will also be the Hannaford Career Center ballot and the Mt. Abe Unified School District ballot.
- See enclosed information about the remote informational meeting and hearing via ZOOM on Sat., 2/26 at 9 AM.



For further assistance, please feel free to contact the town office at 453-2639 or email amy@starksborovt.org

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