

WARNING
TOWN OF STARKSBORO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 4, 2023

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 fourth day of March, A.D. 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** to discuss and transact the following business viz:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 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 7, 2023.** 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
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Auditor, 3 years	First Constable, 1 year
Lister, 3 years	Second Constable, 1 year
Lister, 2 years	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	

Article 2: Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report of the year ending June 30, 2022?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 23-24 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,149,578 less receipts of \$270,410, less the FY 21-22 carry over surplus of \$105,306, for an amount of \$773,862?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$57,495?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$112,589?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Paving Reserve Fund, being \$40,000?

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 23-24, being \$43,667?

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town vote that property owned by the Starksboro Volunteer Fire Dept (Rescue Squad Building) be exempt from property taxes?

Article 9: Shall the voters of the town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$496,849 for the purchase, in FY23-24, of a replacement pumper? The loan will be paid within five years from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, with the first payment due in FY23-24?

Article 10: Shall the Town of Starksboro vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5,894 for the 911 ambulance service provided by Richmond Rescue for the residents of Starksboro?

Article 11: Shall the Town of Starksboro vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 for the support of care & service coordination, Meals on Wheels, community meals, wellness programs, social activities, transportation services, expertise on Medicare, insurance, long and short-term care options, and the Helpline to residents of the Town provided by Age Well?

Article 12: Shall the Town of Starksboro vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$3000 for the support of Project Read to provide services to the residents of the Town?

Article 13: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?

Robinson Mentoring Program	2,000
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	6,000
Starksboro Food Shelf	2,000
Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program	1,200
Starksboro Rescue Squad	12,000
Starksboro Village Meeting House	3,000
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	24,000
TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>\$50,200</u>

Article 14: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests?

AC Home Health & Hospice	1,964
AC Parent/Child Center	1,600
AC Readers	350
Addison Co. Restorative Justice	800
American Red Cross	500
Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,500
Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc	7,500

Counseling Service of Addison County	2,200
Elderly Services, Inc	900
Green Up Vermont	100
Homeward Bound	500
HOPE	1,750
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	970
Lewis Creek Assoc.	550
Open Door Clinic	250
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	176
RSVP/Green Mtn Foster Grandparent Program	370
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	2,106
Turning Point Center	1,000
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	1,250
TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>\$29,636</u>

Article 15: 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, 2023, at 4:30 pm becoming delinquent after November 1, 2023, at 4:30 pm? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt.

Article 16: Shall the voters of the town vote to change the Real Estate taxes due date to be paid annually by October 1 effective in 2024?

Article 17: Shall the legal voters of the Town of Starksboro, as part of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, approve the withdrawal agreement with the Lincoln School District, which includes the property transfer of the Lincoln Community School building and bond as well as a negotiated portion of the MAUSD Education Reserve Fund in the amount of \$74,754? The details of the terms can be found in the full withdrawal agreement posted on the MAUSD website, in MAUSD schools, and at the town clerk's office.

Article 18: To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Starksboro, this 1st day of February, A.D. 2023

s/ Nancy Boss

s/ Eric Cota

s/ Koran Cousino

s/ Carin McCarthy

s/ John Painter