

WARNING
TOWN OF STARKSBORO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2024

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 second day of March, A.D. 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** to discuss and transact the following business viz:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 5, 2024. To elect Town Officers and Mount Abraham Unified School District Officers for the ensuing terms:

Moderator, 1 year	Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year
Town Clerk, 3 years	Planning Commission, 3 years
Selectperson, 1 year	Planning Commission, 3 years
Selectperson, 2 years	Planning Commission, 1 year
Selectperson, 3 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Library Trustee, 2 years
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year	First Constable, 1 year
Auditor, 3 years	Second Constable, 1 year
Lister, 1 year	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years
Lister, 3 years	

Article 2: Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report of the year ending June 30, 2023?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 24-25 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,201,874 less receipts of \$284,165 for an amount of \$917,709?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$62,100?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$119,344?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the town vote to rename the Paving Reserve Fund to the Road Materials Reserve Fund?

- 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 24-25, being \$44,192?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$7,590 for the support of Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. to provide ambulance service to portions of the Town of Starksboro?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of Starksboro Sports Program to provide sporting services to the youth of the community of Town of Starksboro?
- Article 10:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?

Project READ	3,000
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>\$53,200</u>

- Article 11:** 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
Age Well	2,500
American Red Cross	500
Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)	1,250
Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,500
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
Richmond Rescue	5,894

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
TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS	<u>\$30,530</u>

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote to decrease the Planning Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members? All terms will be three years each.

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, October 15, 2024, at 4:30 pm becoming delinquent after October 15, 2024, at 4:30 pm? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt.

Article 14: To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Starksboro, this 8th day of February, A.D. 2024

s/ Eric Cota

s/ Koran Cousino

s/ Carin McCarthy

s/ John Painter