

WARNING
ANNUAL ROCKINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
February 29 and March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Rockingham Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Falls Cinema) in said Town on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted upon by Australian Ballot, and then adjourn to the Masonic Temple in said Town at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to vote by Australian Ballot on Article No. 4.

The polls will be open at 9:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M.

- Article 1:** To hear the reports of the Rockingham Town School District Officers for the last year and to take action thereon.
- Article 2:** Shall the Rockingham Town School District authorize its Board of School Directors and Treasurer to borrow money for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of money due from state aid?
- Article 3:** Shall the Rockingham Town School District apply the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the fiscal year 2015 fund balance to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in fiscal year 2018 in order to reduce taxes?
- Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Rockingham Town School District approve the school board to expend ten million, nine hundred eighty eight thousand, eight hundred thirty dollars (\$10,988,830.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of fourteen thousand, six hundred eighty seven dollars and twenty four cents (\$14,687.24) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.26% higher than spending for the current year. (By Australian Ballot)
- Article 5:** Shall the Rockingham Town School District will vote to pay its District Officers compensation in the amounts of: Chair- \$700; Board Members- \$600, and; Treasurer- \$400?
- Article 6:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District Meeting.

ROCKINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: January 20, 2016

 James McAuliffe, Chair

 Richard Holloway

 Margo Ghia

 Kathryn Coburn

 Sherri Arvin, Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS**BEFORE ELECTION DAY****CHECKLIST POSTED:**

By Sunday, January 31, 2016 (or 30 days before town meeting) the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections or from your town clerk.)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's office no later than **5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2016** (or the first Wednesday before meeting), or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 4:30 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, **February 29, 2016**.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office. Or, you can pick up your ballot at the Town Clerk's office and take it home to vote. **(You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)**

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the polling place, no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of justices of the peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: February 20, 2016 (at least 10 days before election).

ON ELECTION DAY:

1. If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.
2. If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
3. If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a superior court judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information.
4. If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
5. If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:

1. Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Do not mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
3. Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place; however, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
4. Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
5. Do not interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE
(-8683) (Accessible by TDD)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Here is some basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading this, or at any time during the voting process, ask your town clerk or another election official.

CHECK-IN

1. At the entrance checklist table, state your name, and if asked, your residence, in a clear, audible voice.
2. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

ENTER

1. Enter within the guardrail, and an election official will hand you a ballot(s).
2. Take your ballot(s) to a vacant booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT

1. **HOW TO MARK:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."
2. If you are voting in a town that uses voting machines, follow the instructions on the ballot to connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate(s)
3. If you are unclear about the instructions, ask an election official to assist you.
4. **WRITE-IN:** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and write the name, then fill in the oval.
5. **MISTAKES or SPOILED BALLOTS:** If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may give your spoiled ballot to an election official and receive another ballot to mark. You may request up to three new ballots.

VOTE

1. In a town using voting machines, do not fold or bend your ballot. Simply insert your ballot into the slot on the voting machine.

LEAVE

1. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.
2. Continue outside the polling place before beginning socializing or conversations that could disrupt other voters.

Posted in conformance with 17 V.S.A. § 2521 by the Town Clerk.

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