

WARNING
TOWN OF ORANGE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 5, 2024, at 6:00pm

The legal voters of the Town of Orange are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on March 5, 2024, at 6:00pm to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the coming year as the law directs.

Article 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the current town report.

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize to change the Town Clerk and Treasurer positions from appointed to elected for a one-year term?

Article 4: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the coming term as the law directs:

- Selectboard Member for a term of 1 (one) year
- Selectboard Member for a term of 3 (three) years
- Lister for a term of 1 (one) year
- Lister for a term of 2 (two) years
- Lister for a term of 3 (three) years
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 2 (two) years
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 3 (three) years

Article 5: Will the town set compensation for elected Town Officers?

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize **General Fund** expenditures for operating expenses of \$362,152.80 which \$162,097.30 shall be raised by taxes and \$200,055.50 by non-tax revenues?

Article 7: Shall the voters authorize **Highway Fund** expenditures of \$495,680.67 of which \$482,730.67 shall be raised by taxes and \$12,950.00 by non-tax revenues?

Article 8: Shall the voters raise the sum of \$300,000 for reclaiming and repaving 3600 feet of Tucker Road?

Article 9: Shall the voters raise the sum of \$25,000 for 3210 feet of reclaiming Reservoir Road?

Article 10: Shall the voters raise the sum of \$11,176 to support the town cemeteries?

Article 11: Shall the voters raise \$1500 to support the upkeep of the town recreation field?

Article 12: Shall the voters authorize Hunting, Fishing and Trapping on Town Land?

Article 13: Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to **Barre Area Senior Center** for supporting senior citizens to live independently and remain active?

Article 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$725 to **Central VT Adult Basic Education** for free instructions and academic tutoring for adults?

Article 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$1000 to **Central VT Council on Aging** for seniors to remain independent?

Article 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to **Central VT Economic Development Corporation** for support of small businesses in town?

Article 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,650 to **Central VT Home Health and Hospice** for short term home care services?

Article 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to **Family Center of Washington County** for services and resources to children and families?

Article 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$350 to **Orange County Restorative Justice Center** for providing restorative justice programs?

Article 20: Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to **People's Health and Wellness Clinic** for providing primary healthcare and wellness education to the uninsured and underinsured in Central VT?

Article 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$700 to **Safeline** for free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and stalking?

Article 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$700 to **VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** for enabling Vermonters who are blind or visually impaired to be independent?

Article 23: Shall the voters appropriate \$100 to **Green Up Vermont** to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment?

Article 24: Will the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, grants and money allocated by the State and Federal Government?


Article 25: Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in 2 (two) installments with the due dates being August 15, 2024 and November 15, 2024 delivery to Town Clerk's Office postmarked on or before the due date


Article 26: Shall the Town vote to set the date and time of Town Meeting 2025 to be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6:00p.m.?

Article 27: To discuss any other business.

Dated this 1st day of February 2024

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Orange:

Eric Holmgren, Selectboard Chair  _____

Shelia Stone, Selectboard Member  _____

Kevin Wilson, Selectboard Member  _____

TOWN OF ORANGE WARNING & ARTICLES

The legal voters of the Town of Orange, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Town Hall on March 4, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock in the evening (PM) to act upon the following articles:


Article I	To elect the Echo Valley Community School District Moderator for the ensuing 2024-2025 year.
Article II	To see what sum of money, if any, the Echo Valley Community School District will pay the School Directors, District Treasurer and District Clerk.
Article III	To see if the Echo Valley Community School District will authorize the Board of Directors of the Echo Valley Community School District to borrow money on the notes of the School District or otherwise, in anticipation of taxes.
Article IV	To see if the voters of the Echo Valley Community School District approve the Echo Valley Community School District Board to expend \$7,187,478 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year for the Echo Valley Community School District.
Article V	To see if the Echo Valley Community School District will vote to apply \$25,000 of the FY23 audited fund balance to be placed in the Echo Valley Community School District Capital Improvement Fund.
Article VI	To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

The legal voters of the the Town of Orange, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Town Hall on Tuesday March 5, 2024 between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.) to vote by Australian ballot upon the following article:

Article VII	<p>To elect by Australian ballot the following officers of the Echo Valley Community School District for the ensuing year:</p> <p>Two School Directors for the Town of Orange for a Three (3) Year Term on the Echo Valley Community School District Board.</p> <p>One District Clerk for the Echo Valley Community School District for the ensuing 2024-2025 year.</p> <p>One District Treasurer for the Echo Valley Community School District for the ensuing 2024-2025 year.</p>
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Echo Valley Community School District School Board of Directors
Dated this 10th Day of January, 2024

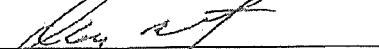
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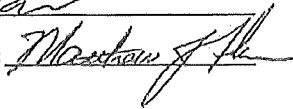
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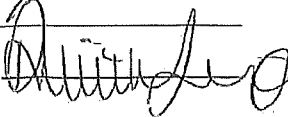
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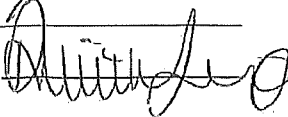
Matthew Flinn:



Monica McDonald:



Dominique LaFond-Copeland:



WARNING — VERMONT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY — MARCH 5, 2024

A statewide Presidential Primary will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 to vote for candidates for the following offices:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place(s) is/are located at:

Orange Town Hall
392 US RT 302, Orange

Ginny Rubin
Town (or City) Clerk

VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS AND VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can request early/absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest a ballot can be requested

in Orange is Monday March 4, 2024 by noon
(Town) (date and time office closes prior to election)

You or a family member can request early ballots in person, in writing, by telephone, or on your My Voter Page at myp.vermont.gov. An authorized person can request ballots for you in person or in writing.

CHECKLIST: posted at town clerk's office by Sunday, February 4, 2024. If your name is not on it, then you must register to vote.
SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. **Please register early** by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to ovr.vermont.gov.

Methods of voting early/absentee in the 46 days before the election (ballots available by January 19, 2024):

1. Vote in the town clerk's office prior to the election.
2. Voter may take the ballots out of the clerk's office and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
3. Have ballot mailed to you and return it to clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on Election Day.
4. If you are in the military, live overseas, or are ill or disabled you may receive your ballot electronically and utilize our accessible online ballot marking tool, but you must print your ballot and return it by mail.
5. If you are ill or disabled, you may ask the town clerk, on or before the deadline to request an absentee ballot, to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on any day preceding the day of the election (once ballots are prepared) or the day of election.

Identification Required for First Time Registrants by Mail: If you are registering individually for the first time by mail or online, you must provide a copy of identification along with your registration: current valid photo I.D., or a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and current address. If you do not provide I.D. or other documentation with your registration and do not have it when you come to the polls, you will be offered a provisional ballot.

CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT: If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how you can find out if your ballot was counted one week after the election by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted an application: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you complete a registration form and then add your name to the checklist or explain why you cannot be added.

If the town clerk or presiding officer and BCA members present cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day OR you may vote a provisional ballot.

Any voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of their choice into the voting booth to help or may ask for assistance from two election officials.

Voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place may have a ballot brought to a car outside the polls by two election officials.

Any U. S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who submitted an application to register to vote on or before election day is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place. Vermont law provides that a person cannot campaign within a polling place but does NOT specify any number of feet that campaigners need to be away from the polls outside. The presiding officer will set reasonable rules for where campaigners can stand.

The Election Officials at the polling place are here to serve you.

If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

Call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683)
(Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683 or (802) 828-2363. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

VOTING PROCESS--INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- Go to the entrance checklist table, give your name, and if asked, your street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- If you want to use the accessible voting system tell the entrance checklist official at this time. An election official will take you to the accessible ballot marking device, enter a security code, and then leave you to mark and print your ballot privately. More details about our new accessible ballot marking device are available on our website at <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/accessible-voting/>.
- You must ask for a major party ballot (Democratic or Republican). This is required by Vermont law for the Presidential Primary. (17 V.S.A. §2704.)
- Take the ballot from the election official and enter a voting booth. Once inside the voting booth, mark your ballot for each race.
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate. Do not vote for more candidates than the "Vote for not more than #!" for each office. If you vote for more than the "Vote for not more than #," your vote will not count for that race.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" line on the ballot and either write in the name or paste on a sticker, then fill in the oval.
- If you make a mistake or change your mind, DO NOT try to erase. Return your ballot and ASK an election official for a new ballot. If you make a mistake again, you may ask for another ballot. Each voter may have up to 3 ballots.
- To cast your voted ballot: either insert your voted ballot into the tabulator machine, or in a hand count town, insert it into the ballot box.
- Go to the exit checklist table, if any, and state your name. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Leave the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail. All voters who are in line at the polling place at 7p.m. will be permitted to vote. No voter can enter the polling place to vote after 7p.m.