

**TOWN OF WHEELOCK WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024**

Notice to Voters: There is no deadline to register to vote. You may register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by going to the Town Clerk's Office or online olvr.vermont.gov

Requests for Early or Absentee Ballots: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, by telephone, email or online at mvp.vermont.gov The latest you can request an absentee ballot at the Town Clerk's Office is February 29, 2024.

Voting for the Kingdom East School District Budget will be by Australian Ballot. Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Wheelock are hereby warned and notified to meet, Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wheelock Town Hall at 1192 Route 122 to act upon the following business of the Town:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all town officers required by law.

- Town Clerk – 2 year term
- Treasurer – 2 year term
- Selectboard – 3 year term
- Lister – 3 year term
- Lister – 2 year term
- Auditor – 3 year term
- Auditor – 1 year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term
- First Constable – 1 year term
- Second Constable – 1 year term

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize the selectboard to appoint a municipal clerk pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Sections 2651e(a)?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the selectboard to appoint a treasurer pursuant 17 V.S.A. Section 2651f(a)?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$169,674 of which \$77,260 shall be raised by taxes and \$92,414 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve total highway fund expenditures of \$464,356 of which \$360,216 shall be raised by taxes \$104,140 by non-tax revenue?

- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a new dump truck to replace the '09 International, in an amount not to exceed \$240,262.00, less the trade in of \$25,000 and subject to reduction by other sources of funding, total to be financed over a period not to exceed five years, in accordance with 24V.S.A.Sec.1786a?
- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 for deposit into the Bridge and Major Road Repair Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A.Sec. 2804(a)?
- ARTICLE 9:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000 for deposit into the New Road Equipment Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2804(a)?
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000 for deposit into the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance and Repair Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2804(a)?
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 for for deposit into the Town Hall Project Reserve Fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A.Sec. 2804(a) to be funded with \$7,238.91 remaining from the Cemetery Checking Account?
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Cemetery Checking Reserve Fund to be used for repair and maintenance expenses and matching funds for grants in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2804 to be funded with \$7,235.16 remaining from the Cemetery Checking Account?
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,284.22 for the operating expenses of Lyndon Rescue, Inc?
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,149.00 for the operating expenses and equipment replacement fund of the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department?
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the voters raise and appropriate a total of \$40,980.00 for the Town's Share of Transfer Station expenses?
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the voters authorize that payment of real estate taxes be to the Treasurer on or before the first Friday of November annually, with USPS postmarks accepted, and with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent (1%) per month, and with a seven percent (7%) penalty charged against them from the due date pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Sec. 5136?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the town allow a grace period from the due date for current taxes to December 31, during which the Delinquent Tax Collector shall charge 1% penalty on payments made in full pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Sec. 1674 (3)(B)?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$ 4,757 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2691?

a. Community Restorative Justice Center	\$250
b. Darling Inn Senior Meal Site	\$500
c. H.O.P.E.	\$500
d. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300
e. Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$1622
f. Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$150
g. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$250
h. Rural Community Transportation	\$500
i. Umbrella	\$600
j. Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$85

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters approve the appropriation request by the Cobleigh Library for \$1,000?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Wheelock vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the Support of Powers Park to provide services to the residents of the Town in Accordance with 24 V.S.A.Sec. 2691?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the town appropriate \$1,133.00 to the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium for admission for Wheelock Residents in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2691?

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other non-binding business that comes before this meeting.

ARTICLE 23: To adjourn.

Dated at Wheelock, Vermont, this ____ day of January 2024. Recorded before posting.

Selectboard:

Attest:

Ann Lawless

Carol Rossi

Jim Blackbird

Andy Buteau