

Resume of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Heather Thomas at 10:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at Waterville Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, to act on the following business, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting. Heather Thomas and Rebecca Pitre were nominated. Heather Thomas was elected by ballot vote.

Heather Thomas – 56 votes; Rebecca Pitre – 13 votes

Recessed for Richard Westman, Senator, and Lucy Boyden, Representative. Rich and Lucy gave a legislative update.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Town Clerk for one year. Brandi Broe

Treasurer for one year. Brandi Broe

Selectman for three years. Christopher Mann

Road Commissioner for one year. Hunter Locke

Lister for three years. Linda Ward

First Constable for one year. Robin Genetti

Second Constable for one year. Warren Lyon

Auditor for three years. Donna Barry

Library Trustee for three years. Lisa Towery

Delinquent Tax Collector for one year. Brandi Broe

Grand Juror for one year. Lucas Tilton

Trustee of Public Money for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year. Shawn LaRose

LRSWMD Representative for two years. Nicholas Hanson

Article 3. To hear the report of the Auditors and to take the action as is deemed necessary in the adoption of such report. Report accepted.

Article 4. Will the Town of Waterville appropriate the sum of \$7,382.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
600.00	Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP
2,058.00	Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
200.00	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
200.00	Clarina Howard Nichols Center
440.00	Meals on Wheels
300.00	Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out & About)
400.00	Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
434.34	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
<u>2,500.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$ 7,382.34	

Total appropriations of \$7,382.34. Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 5. To see if the Town of Waterville will vote a specific sum of money on the Grand List of said Town for the year 2025 and appropriate same its current expenses and its indebtedness? If so, to set the amount and manner of its Collection. It was voted, by voice, to accept the proposed budget of \$465,890.49 (which includes Article 4). The manner of its collection will be the same as last year - tax bills will be sent out by August 5th, due September 8th with a 4% discount; after September 8th, no discount. Taxes due by October 6th; tender to delinquent tax collector after October 6th. Delinquent tax collector charges 8% on amounts tendered for collection.

Article 6. Will the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such purposes, by note on the general town? Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 7. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Nicholas Hason had questions regarding the highway budget; if we should raise the highway budget more, because we are always over budget. The highway receives funding that offsets some of the overbudget of the highway expense. Discussion regarding the potential building of cell tower on Clark Road. Rebecca Pitre asked for a poem to be added in the Meeting Minutes. "Not in Vermont" by Edward S. Mann.

Not in Vermont

There are some places in the land
Where human greed holds sway;
Where nature is commercialized—
Her beauty made to pay,
Where billboards hide the loveliness
Which people need and want.
There are such places, but we pray,
"Please, Lord, not in Vermont;
Lord, not in Vermont."

There are some states where politics
Has gotten out of hand;
Where votes are on the auction block
And no one takes a stand;
Where politicians serve themselves—
Their self-conceit they flaunt.
But though 'tis true in other states,
"Please, Lord, not in Vermont;
Lord, not in Vermont."

There are some people – far and wide –
Who are inclined to shirk;
Who want the highest salary,
The least amount of work;
Who seek their own security
Though costs will ever haunt
Their children. But we plead of Thee,
"Please, Lord, not in Vermont;
Lord, not in Vermont."

Bart Bezio updated the Town about the School budget. Donna Barry encouraged the "younger generation" to get involved with town obligations. Martha Fields applauded the current Waterville volunteers. Cindy Mann asked if Lucy and Richard could speak at the end of Town Meeting. Jay Marsh asked if we could start Town Meeting at 9:00am instead of 10:00am, this

will be added in the Warning for next year's Town Meeting. Burton DeWilde asked about planting trees along the Town Green. Discussion regarding Act 73, what does this mean for the Waterville School. Bart Bezio will keep the Town posted. Cathy Wright mentioned the Church Street Bridge and that it needs some maintenance and to have the gravel removed from Church Street and the Covered Bridge. Donna Barry mentioned that the Town Hall will be purchasing a new refrigerator, range, and kitchen faucet. Sheriff Roger Marcoux discussed how the patrolling was going in Waterville.

Adjourned the Town Meeting at 11:25 A.M.

Dated at Waterville this 9th day of March 2026.


Jay Marsh


L. Carlos Martin


Christopher Mann

Select Board, Town of Waterville

ATTEST:

Brandi Broe



Town Clerk, Town of Waterville