## 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The inhabitants of the Town of Concord, County of Essex and State of Vermont, who are voters in the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Concord Town Hall located at 456 Main Street in said Town on the 4th day of March 2025 A.D, for the purpose of voting by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT upon the articles as herein set forth.

The polls will open at 10:00am and will remain open until 7:00pm. Articles will be voted upon by use of the voter checklist and official printed ballots.

**Article 1**: To elect the following office:

A Moderator for a one-year term
A Selectboard Member for a two-year term
A Selectboard Member for a three-year term
An Auditor for a three-year term
An Auditor for Remainder of a three-year term
A Library Trustee for a five-year term

<u>Article 2</u>: Shall the Town vote to collect its taxes by its Treasurer with a due date of **November 7th, 2025** after which an interest rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1½% per month thereafter be charged in addition to an 8% penalty fee?

<u>Article 3</u>: Shall the Town vote to increase the number of Justices of the Peace to match the number allowed by Concord's increased population?

Article 4: Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers in Town pursuant to 7 V.S.A § 863?

Article 5: Shall the Town establish a Financial Audit Reserve Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00?

<u>Article 6</u>: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,297.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(C) (3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

<u>Article 7</u>: Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$500.00 to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services to support their work with youth and families in our community?

<u>Article 8</u>: Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$1,350.00 to assist the NEK Council on Aging for Northeastern Vermont in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year?

<u>Article 9</u>: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 for services provided by Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to the residents living in the Town of Concord?

<u>Article 10</u>: Shall the Town vote to appropriate to Umbrella, Inc. the sum of \$1,200.00 to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children and families seeking child care and child care providers?

<u>Article 11:</u> Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing Health Care Services?

<u>Article 12:</u> Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District to help assess the needs of the Town in regards to the surrounding Natural Resources?

<u>Article 13:</u> Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$100.00 to Green Up Vermont, to help in the effort to keep Vermont clean?

<u>Article 14:</u> Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to Catamount Film and Arts to support Arts Education?

<u>Article 15:</u> Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the support of Sid's Pantry, Inc. to provide food support services and healthy eating/living education to residents of the Town?

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,235.00 for the operation of Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the museum for all Concord Residents?

Article 17: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,610,318.00 of which \$1,301,998.00 shall be raised by taxes? Note: Budget will be reduced by any special appropriation not passed by the vote of the people on articles Five (5) through sixteen (16).

The legal voters of the Town are further warned and notified that the voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Please be advised that the winter parking ban will <u>NOT</u> be in effect during Town Meeting Day.

Adopted and approved at a meeting held on January 28th, 2025 by the Selectboard, Town of Concord, Vermont.

Dated at Concord, Vermont this 28th day of January, 2025.

Selectboard, Town of Concord:

Chris Fognier-Vice-Chairman

George Morghousé

Received for the record this 28 day of January

Linda Blakslee-Town Clerk

Town Reports will be available at the Municipal Building, Town Clerk's Office, Concord Post Office, North Concord Post Office and the Concord Station Mini Mart.

The 2025 Informational Meeting will be held on March 1st, 2025 at 10:00am at the Concord Town Hall

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