

2025 – WARNING TOWN OF CABOT – 2025

The Legal Voters of the Town of Cabot are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town of Cabot Willey Building, 3084 Main Street, Cabot, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at ten o'clock in the forenoon [10:00 A.M.] to transact the following business from the floor. [The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the Willey Building, 3084 Main Street, Cabot, VT.]

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot vote to accept the Town Report as printed for FY24?

Art. 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on August 21, 2025, and November 20, 2025, by delivery to Cabot Town Hall postmarked on or before that date; and, Establish that overdue taxes will bear interest at a rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136; and,

Establish the amount of the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date for payment to 8 percent of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?

Art. 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot elect all Town Officers required by law, according to law?

The following Articles will be voted on by Australian Ballot and may be discussed on the floor except for Articles 5 through 8.

Art. 5. To elect a Selectperson for a term of two years. [Australian Ballot]

Art. 6. To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years. [Australian Ballot]

Art. 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot appropriate the sum of \$946,044 to defray the General Expenses of the Town, with an estimated \$113,089 to come from income and \$832,955 from local taxes? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot appropriate the sum of \$978,712 to repair and maintain the Highways of the Town including summer, winter, and special treatment, of which an estimated \$160,000 is to come from income and \$818,712 from local taxes? [Australian Ballot]

Art. 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot appropriate the sum of \$5,234.35 to the Cabot Public Library to support the full budget request put forward by the Cabot Library Board of Trustees for the coming year? The Cabot Selectboard has made the decision to cut the Library budget, significantly reducing the modest budget request put forward by the Library Trustees (a 4.8% increase, exclusively to cover the cost of inflation, increased health insurance, and small cost-of-living increases for staff). This additional allocation would cost taxpayers an estimated \$2.00/\$100,000 household worth. A vote against the measure will result in the need to cut programs for children and adults and dramatically reduce the purchase of new books and other materials. The total budget amount (\$122,234.35) has been approved and put forward by the Library Trustees, as required by Vermont Law. (Australian Ballot)

Art. 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot exempt the land and building previously owned by the Town and known as The Masonic Hall, now owned by Neighbors in Action (501 (c)(3)), a non-profit organization, from real property taxes for a period of five (5) years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840? (Australian Ballot)

Art. 11. Shall the voters adopt the new CCIF (Cabot Community Investment Fund) Plan as printed in this Town Report, which calls for the consolidation of the UDAG and Scholarship Funds in a single CCIF Fund, and appropriate the consolidated CCIF Fund for the purposes of the plan? (Australian Ballot)

Art. 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot approve the revised 2025 Cabot Town Plan as approved by the Cabot selectboard on January 7, 2025. (Australian Ballot)

Art. 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot approve an appropriation in the amount of \$2,132 for the support of Fairbanks Museum to provide services to residents of the Town of Cabot? (Australian Ballot)

Art. 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Cabot forgive the outstanding balance (approximately \$25,721) of a UDAG Loan of \$50,000 made to Cabot Commons, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)

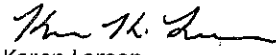
Art. 15. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before said meeting.

Art. 16. To adjourn this meeting.

Dated this 28th day of January A.D. 2025


Michael J. Hogan, Chair


Fred Ducharme, Vice Chair


Karen Larsen


Walter (Skip) Bothfeld, Jr.


Richard (RD) Eno



This Warning was recorded before posting,
Attest: Betty Ritter, Cabot Town Clerk

REGISTER TO VOTE:

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to vote on the day of election. You can register to vote prior to voting by visiting the Cabot Town Clerk's Office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us. Registration will be available at the Town Clerk's office on any day prior to the election between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Registration will be available on Election Day during the hours the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Willey Building, 3084 Main Street, Cabot, VT.

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: The latest you can request ballots is the close of business in the Town Clerk's office on March 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The voter or family member may request an early or absentee ballot in person, in writing or by telephone. Other persons may request an Absentee Ballot for another registered Cabot voter (in person or in writing), and the Town Clerk's Office will mail that Absentee Ballot to the registered voter.

Following are the ways for early voting or absentee voting: (1) vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline; (2) a voter may take their ballots out of the Town Clerk's office for himself/herself and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail; (3) have a ballot mailed to you, and mail or return it to the Town Clerk's office before election day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on election day; or (4) if you are sick or disabled, request the Town Clerk, who must be accompanied by a Justice of the Peace, to bring a ballot to you at your home no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025.