

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF CABOT, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2025**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR SELECTPERSON		FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR		FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR	
FOR 2 YEARS	Vote for not more than ONE	FOR 2 YEARS	Vote for not more than ONE	FOR 3 YEARS	Vote for not more than ONE
KAREN LARSEN	479 <input type="radio"/>	MELISSA M. PRATT	307 <input type="radio"/>	CHRIS TORMEY	301 <input type="radio"/>
PEGGY MILLER	228 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	6 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	32 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	3 <input type="radio"/>				
FOR SELECTPERSON					
FOR 3 YEARS	Vote for not more than ONE				
RICHARD (R.D.) ENO	172 <input type="radio"/>				
JENNIFER MINER	236 <input type="radio"/>				
(Write-in)	0 <input type="radio"/>				

TOWN ARTICLES

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?

312 YES
108 NO

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?

365 YES
59 NO

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.

310 YES
113 NO

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?

307 YES
114 NO

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TOWN ARTICLES CONTINUED

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?

164 YES
223 NO

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?

270 YES
112 NO

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?

289 YES
115 NO

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.?

229 YES
155 NO

SCHOOL ARTICLES

Art. 5. Shall the voters of the Cabot School District approve the school board to expend \$4,516,239, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Cabot School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,324, which is 2.8% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

245 YES
166 NO

Art. 6. Shall the voters of Cabot authorize the school board to borrow \$250,000 over five (5) years to make necessary building repairs instead of the \$500,000 over ten (10) years approved last year to change the campus configuration?

266 YES
145 NO

Art. 7. Shall the voters of the Cabot School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

279 YES
128 NO

Art. 8. Shall the voters of the Cabot School District authorize the Cabot School Board to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2025 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

287 YES
116 NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

