

2025 Town Meeting Warning ~ Highgate Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Highgate, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Highgate Sports Arena (243 Gore Road) in the Town of Highgate on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00am), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the evening (7:00pm), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE #1: To elect the following town officers:

- a) One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five (5) years
- b) One Library Trustee for a term of five (5) years
- c) One Moderator for the ensuing year
- d) One Selectboard Member for a term of one (1) year remaining on a three (3) year term
- e) One Selectboard Member for a term of two (2) years
- f) One Selectboard Member for a term of two (2) years
- g) One Selectboard Member for a term of three (3) years
- h) One Treasurer for a term of three (3) years

ARTICLE #2: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate set the final date of payment for FY2025/2026 property taxes to be **Thursday, October 30, 2025**, with payments to be received in the town office by 4:00pm?

ARTICLE #3: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate advise the Selectboard to allow the legal use of ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) on all town roads? ATVs must be registered, insured, have a valid VASA (Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association) registration sticker affixed, as well as wear approved helmets and seatbelts.

ARTICLE #4: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate request the Selectboard to hold the Town Meeting Day Informational Meeting within the 30 days preceding Town Meeting Day, as is allowed per statute 17 V.S.A. § 2680?

ARTICLE #5: **As a non-binding advisory opinion:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate purchase the property located at **5 Gore Road** (formerly known as Paws for Thought), owned by Robert & Sheryl Wilkins, as an option for the future home of the Highgate Library & Community Center?

ARTICLE #6: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of **\$7,423** for the support of the **VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region** to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE #7: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate reallocate **\$30,000** within the **Capital Improvement Plan** from the indoor turf / field house line item and move it to the 72" zero turn mower line item?

ARTICLE #8: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate **\$590,000** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **Capital Improvement Plan**, with an estimated **\$590,000** to be raised by taxes?

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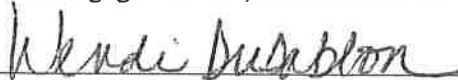
ARTICLE #9: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate \$1,153,171 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **Highway Fund**, with an estimated \$982,171 to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE #10: Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate appropriate \$1,600,822 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the **General Fund**, with an estimated \$710,352 to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE #11: **As a non-binding advisory opinion:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate contract with **AmCare Ambulance Service** for all ambulance services, in the amount of \$269,262.97, with such services beginning on July 1, 2025, for a term of three (3) years?

ARTICLE #12: **As a non-binding advisory opinion:** Shall the voters of the Town of Highgate contract with **Missisquoi Valley Rescue** for all ambulance services, in the amount of \$268,936.11, with such services beginning on July 1, 2025, for a term of three (3) years?

Dated at Highgate Center, Vermont this 16th day of January, 2025


Attest: Wendi Dusablon, Highgate Town Clerk


Richard Flint, Highgate Selectboard Member


Vernon Brosky III, Highgate Selectboard Chair


Kyle Lothian, Highgate Selectboard Member


Merry Souza, Highgate Selectboard Vice Chair


Benjamin Lowell, Highgate Selectboard Member

- **NOTE:** The Town of Highgate no longer holds a floor meeting, as voted on in March 2024. Voting is fully Australian ballot between 7am – 7pm on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ Highgate Sports Arena, located @ 243 Gore Road.
- Register to vote by contacting the Town Clerk 802-868-5002 or wdusablon@highgatevt.org, or visit the My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Same day voter registration is also available.
- Absentee ballots are available upon request – contact the Town Clerk directly, stop by, or request through the My Voter Page (info above).
- Return ballots at the polls on March 4th, by mail, during our office hours 9am – 4pm Monday – Thursday, or by using our secure drop box at the rear entrance of the Municipal Bldg. Ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 7pm on March 4, 2025 in order to be counted.
- The Town Meeting Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ 6:00pm in the gymnasium @ Highgate Elementary School. Attend in-person or participate via Zoom with the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492134232>
- Ambulance RFP responses are available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, by contacting the town office, or by visiting the town website www.highgatevt.org.