

WARNING AND MINUTES OF 2025 TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that Vermont now has same day voter registration. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day, up to and including Election Day, during the hours that polls are open. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballots at the Town Clerk's office until Monday, March 3, 2025 until 4:00 PM. Any authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

The residents of the Town of Warren who are legal voters in the town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Warren Elementary School in the Town of Warren on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the afternoon to act upon the following matters.

At 5:03 p.m. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Josie Klein.

Ms. Klein introduced the current select board: Andrew Cunningham, Luke Youmell, Camilla Behn, Devin Klein Corrigan and Kalee Whitehouse. Ms. Klein recognized both Andrew Cunningham and Luke Youmell for their period of service on the select board. Doug Bergstein was recognized for his past service as Moderator.

Devin Klein Corrigan gave a presentation on the proposed town garage. She mentioned that there will be an open house on March 13, 2025 and on March 22, 2025. An open discussion of those present was then held.

The floor was turned over to Representative Dara Torre. She discussed the legislative activities and answered questions from the floor.

Representative Torre then presented Andrew Cunningham and Luke Youmell certificates for their period of service on the select board.

Shannon Konvicka gave a presentation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awards.

The Moderator did a review of the reports in the Annual Report.

Article 1. Shall the Town vote a budget of \$4,820,059 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same? Motion to approve made and seconded. Article 1 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$30,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2025 to be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission and Reserve Fund Charter dated 24, April 2007. Article

was moved and seconded. Article 2 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 3. Shall the Town of Warren vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,000.00 for the support of Mad River Valley Arts to provide services to residents of the Town. Article was moved and seconded. Article 3 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 4. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose? Article was moved and seconded. Article 4 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer? Article 5 was moved and seconded. Article 5 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property billed July 15, taxes due August 15, delinquent after November 15, with no discount? Article 6 was moved and seconded. Article 6 approved by a voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the Town vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren PTO? Article was moved and seconded. Following discussion, Article 7 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town? Article 8 was moved and seconded. Article 8 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 9. To set the date, time and place of the 2026 Town Meeting?

Motion was made to have the 2026 Town meeting be held on the first Tuesday in March (March 3rd) at 5PM at the Warren Elementary School. Motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Article 10. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 4, 2025

1. The Election of all Town officers by law.

All offices listed on the ballot were uncontested. After the close of the polls the Warren Board of Civil Authority reviewed all ballots and declared that no write in candidate received enough votes to be elected and therefore the Board declared all candidates listed and officially elected.

Moderator-VACANT; Selectboard 2 Year Term – Camilla Behn; Select board – 3 Year Term – VACANT; Select board (2nd) 3 Year Term – VACANT; Cemetery Commissioner 5 Year Term- Julie Burns; Cemetery Commissioner 5 Year Term – Brent Adams; Lister 3 Year Term – Sandra Brodeur; Library Commission 3 Year Term – Linda Tyler; Library Commission 3 Year Term – Alexandra Maclay; HUUSD School Board Member 3 Year Term – Ashley L. Woods.

2. Shall the Town of Warren approve an amended "Mad River Valley Recreation District {MRVRD} Agreement" to allow admission of municipalities as partial members as is posted on the Town and MRVRD websites at warrenvt.org and mrvrd.org and available for viewing at the Warren Town Office and polling location?

Article 10.2 Approved by Australian ballot by vote of 218 “yes”, 75 “no”

Article 11. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.
{Non-binding Article}

- Marie Schmukal provided updates and announcements regarding the library.
- Jeff Schoelkopff formally recognized Peter Monte for his 26 years of dedicated service on the Development Review Board.
- Discussion took place regarding the ongoing grant for repairs on the covered bridge, especially abutment repairs. Given the significant degradation of the downstream dam and the riverbed’s changing course over the past several years, the Board decided not to pursue further action at this time. Concerns were raised that immediate repairs could prove ineffective if the river continues to shift over the next 5-10 years. The Board aims to ensure any future investments are sustainable and long-lasting.
- There is a culvert on Powderhound Road that needs attention. The Select Board will speak with the Road Foreman.
- Randy Graves expressed profound gratitude for the exceptional level of volunteerism within Warren, the Valley, and across Vermont. The community’s spirit of service is recognized as essential to the town’s operation and success — a heartfelt round of applause was given to all who contribute their time and energy.

The Moderator closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent V. Adams
Warren Town Clerk