

WARNING
TOWN OF WORCESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2026

Paul Hanlon called the Meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing. Michelle Hill nominated Paul Hanlon to moderate the meeting and David Book Seconded. Having been nominated, Paul Hanlon turned the meeting over to John Kaeding, Chair of the Selectboard. No other nominations were made, and Paul Hanlon was elected as Moderator for the year ensuing.

Article 2 was read but no action was taken as all offices were to be elected by Australian ballot:

Lister	two of three-year term
Selectboard member-	three-year term
Lister-	three-year term

Article 3. Mimi Hill moved to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report after some misspellings were corrected by Robert Martin. Second: Marlene Kovacs
 The motion passed.

Article 4. To elect a Town Constable for the year ensuing. Joanne Herring nominated Shawn McManus.
 Second: Bob Martin
 Shawn McManis was elected Town Constable for the year ensuing.

Article 5. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.
 Mimi Hill nominated Heather Pagel. No other nominations were made, and Heather Pagel was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.

Article 6. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester have all property taxes paid to the Treasurer to the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm on or before **Tuesday, September 15th, 2026** (Town Tax) and on or before **Monday, November 16th, 2026.** (School Tax), **regardless of postmark** and, to charge a one-time penalty of 8% and interest at 1% per month or any part of a month on overdue taxes from the due date of the tax, as provided by law.

Bob Martin moved the article as written. Second: Marlene Kovacs

Motion passed.

Article 7. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve a town budget of \$1,284,430.17

Cory Gould moved the article as printed in the Town Report. Second: Dodie Mitchell

After presentation of budget highlights by John Kaeding and subsequent discussion the motion passed.

Article 8. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$9,200 as follows:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$575.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$700.00
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$2,450.00
Circle	\$375.00
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$600.00
Elevate	\$500.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$400.00
Front Porch Forum	\$300.00

Good Beginnings of Central Vt	\$300.00
Green Mountain Transit	\$300.00
Home Share	\$300.00
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	\$1,600.00
Mosaic Vermont	\$300.00
North Branch Nature Center	\$300.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$200.00

Cory Gould moved to waive the reading of the detailed list and Marlene Kovacs seconded. The motion passed.

John Sherbatskoy moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second Marlene Kovacs

Motion passed.

The Town Clerk, Jennifer LeStat. declared the polls open at 10:00 a.m. for Australian ballot items.

Article 9. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve an appropriation for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the amount of \$20,851.00 for the calendar year of 2026.

John Sherbatskoy moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second: Marlene Kovacs

Motion passed,

Article 10. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$6,000 to pay for the Worcester 4th of July fireworks display.

Alan Erdossy moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second John Sherbatskoy

After discussion Heather Pagel moved to close debate and Joanne Herring seconded. That motion passed.

The main motion passed.

Article 11. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve an appropriation for the Montpelier Senior Center in the amount of \$2,700 for the calendar year of 2026.

Dodie Mitchell moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second: Marlene Kovacs

The assembled townspeople permitted Amy Pitton, director of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to present information about the Senior Center.

The motion passed.

Article 12. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize that the sum of Articles 7 Through 11 receiving positive votes, be raised on the Grand List of 2026 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town?

Cory Gould moved the article as written. Second: Meg Sherbatskoy

After discussion that determined the amount at issue was \$1,323,181.17, the motion passed.

Article 13. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize that a Capital Fund be established for the purpose of creating an emergency management fund in the event of future natural disasters.

Bob Martin moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second: John Sherbatskoy

Motion passed.

Article 14. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize that a Capital Fund be established for the purpose of funding a solar pavilion for the town recreation field.

John Sherbatsky moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second: David Book

Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. to hear a legislative update from representatives Dave Yacavone and Saudia LaMont. Questions and discussion ensued.

Meeting resumed at 11:28 a.m.

Article 15. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize to hold any audited fund balance as of December 31, 2025 in capital reserve funds to be expended under the control and direction of the Selectboard for the purpose of operating the town?

Dodie Mitchell moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second: Marlene Kovacs

Motion passed

Article 16. To see if the Voters of the town of Worcester shall increase the 2026 Veterans' Exemption (for disabled veterans per the Veterans Administration) in the amount of \$10,000 to the amount of \$20,000, said exemption amount to be voted on every year.

Marlene Kovacs moved the article as written in the Town Report. Second: Dell Waterhouse

Motion passed

Article 17. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

David Book made a series of announcements and moved to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas throughout their residence in the Town of Worcester Roger and Michelle Hill have been outstanding and supportive assets to our community in every way:

Whereas their moving away from our community is forthcoming:

Resolved that the Town recognizes the contributions and achievements that they have mad to our community; and expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions and wishes them well in their relocation to Canada
Second: Dell Waterhouse

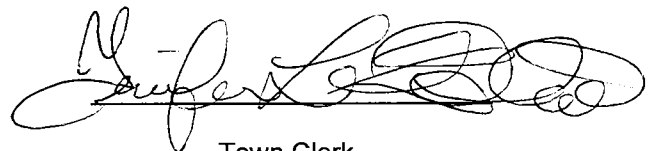
The resolution was adopted.

Caitlin Howanski moved to adjourn the meeting and Mimi Hill seconded.

The meeting adjourned by voters at 12:06 p.m.



Town Moderator



Town Clerk