

Annual Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

The 107th Annual Meeting of the City of Newport, VT. Was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in the Newport Municipal Building beginning at 8:00 am.

Articles 1 thru 16 were voted on by Australian ballot. North Country Union High School District Articles 4 & 7, North Country Union Junior High School District Articles 5 & 6 were voted on by paper ballot. The polls opened at 8:00 am and closed at 7:00 pm.

NCUHSD Articles 4 & 7 passed, NCUJHSD Articles 5 & 6 passed, Newport City Articles 1 thru 16 passed. Article 17 any other business was address in the Newport Municipal Building starting at 8:00 pm. Present were Council President Chris Vachon, Council Members-Kevin Charboneau, Clark Curtis, Rick Ufford-Chase, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson and members of the Press and Public.

Mr. Vachon continued the Annual Meeting at 8:00 pm.

City Clerk James Johnson read the results for city offices.

For Mayor (vote for 1)

Rick Ufford-Chase	427*
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For City Council (vote for 2)

Clark Curtis	167
Carter Finegan	301*
Carl King	130
Adam Ortiz	49
Andrew Touchette	345*

For City Clerk (vote for 1)

James Johnson 484*

For City Treasure (vote for 1)

James Johnson 476*

For City School Trustee (vote for 2)

Mary Ellen MaClure 448*

For Trustee to Union

School District #22 (vote for 1)

Christopher Royer 460*

No one was elected to the offices of City school Moderator, Grand Juror, or Constable.

Article 17

Other business to legally come before the Annual Meeting.

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Seconded by Mr. Ufford-chase, motion carried.

Attested _____ this _____ Day of March 2025

_____ Mayor

558 Voters

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
107TH ANNUAL MEETING
CITY OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2025**

FOR MAYOR		REJECTS	WRITE-INS	MACHINE	TOTAL
for Two Years	Vote for One	TOTAL		TOTAL	
RICK UFFORD-CHASE	<input type="radio"/>	6		427 ✓	
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>	1		10	
BLANK	<input type="radio"/>	2		60	
FOR CITY COUNCIL					
for Two Years	Vote for Two				
CLARK CURTIS	<input type="radio"/>	4		167	
A. CARTER FINEGAN	<input type="radio"/>	4		301 ✓	
CARL P. KING	<input type="radio"/>	4		180	
ADAM ORTIZ	<input type="radio"/>			49	
ANDREW TOUCHETTE	<input type="radio"/>	3		315 ✓	
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>			3	
BLANK	<input type="radio"/>	4		95	
FOR CITY CLERK					
for Three Years	Vote for One				
JAMES D. JOHNSON	<input type="radio"/>	9		484 ✓	
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>			7	
BLANK	<input type="radio"/>			57	
FOR CITY TREASURER					
for Three Years	Vote for One				
JAMES D. JOHNSON	<input type="radio"/>	8		476 ✓	
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>			10	
BLANK	<input type="radio"/>	1		61	
FOR CITY SCHOOL TRUSTEE					

538 Voters

OFFICIAL BALLOT

107TH ANNUAL MEETING

CITY OF NEWPORT, VERMONT

MARCH 4, 2025

		Reject Total	Machine Total	Grand Total
Article 2 Shall the City compensate the Mayor and Council Members serving the City of Newport for the ensuing year as follows: for the Mayor Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,250), for the Council Member serving as Council President, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), for the remaining Council Members, One Thousand Seven Hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750)?	YES	9	466	475
	NO		78	78
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	SPOILED			
Article 3 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont approve a budget of Five Million Two hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$5,267,700.20) for the general operation and to cover liabilities of the City of Newport, Vermont, including amounts approved by the voters as appropriations or investments, and authorize the City to assess a tax in addition to amounts the City is by Law authorized to assess, sufficient to provide funds for the same?	YES	4	371	375
	NO	4	161	171
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	SPOILED			
Article 4 Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School District approve the Newport City School Board to expend \$6,802,517, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The district estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,757, which is 0.36% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.	YES	4	353	359
	NO	4	186	190
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	SPOILED			
Article 5 Shall the voters of the Newport City School District authorize the Newport City School Board to transfer \$310,000, of unallocated, audited General Fund Balances to the Construction/Building Maintenance Fund from the 2023-2024 school year?	YES	2	421	423
	NO	1	115	116
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	SPOILED			
Article 6 Shall the voters of the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$49,847) to support recycling in the City of Newport, and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES	7	403	410
	NO	2	142	144
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	SPOILED			
Article 7 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) to help defray the operational expenses of the Goodrich Memorial Library and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES	7	439	446
	NO	2	101	103
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	SPOILED			
Article 8 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500) to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aides, Homebased and Personnel Care Attendants, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the agency and direct the City to assess a tax sufficient to pay the same?	YES	7	447	454
	NO	2	65	67
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	SPOILED			
Article 9 Shall the City of Newport, Vermont appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to Rural Community	YES	2	445	453
	NO	1	94	95

Wesson City

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MARCH 4, 2025

ARTICLE IV
 Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$21213,400, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,700, which is 0.32% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

IN FAVOR	OPPOSED
5	225
288	134
10	30
12	35
315	223
IN FAVOR	OPPOSED

ARTICLE V
 Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,925,800 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,391, which is 6.36% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

IN FAVOR	OPPOSED
6	11
252	113
15	34
13	26
322	226
IN FAVOR	OPPOSED

ARTICLE VI
 Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$225,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund?

IN FAVOR	OPPOSED
23	4
280	103
42	10
45	10
IN FAVOR	OPPOSED

ARTICLE VII
 Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to establish and place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations to an equity fund?

IN FAVOR	OPPOSED
17	4
252	103
25	21
27	22
IN FAVOR	OPPOSED

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