

Town of Warren
Town Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026

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 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the afternoon to act upon the following matters:

Josie Klein called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Representative Candice White recognized Dan Raddock and presented him with a certificate for 18 years of service on the Planning Commission. She then provided an update on State Legislative efforts in various areas and answered questions.

Josie outlined the contents of the Town Report, and various Board and Commission members provided some details of their group's recent and upcoming efforts. Jeff Campbell recognized Butch Hartshorn's many years of service on the Fire Department.

Article 1: Shall the Town vote a budget of \$5,411,053 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?

Devin Klein Corrigan presented information about the proposed budget; questions were raised and discussed.

A motion to postpone the vote on the budget until more detailed information was made available failed by a division of the house; 59 in favor and 68 opposed.

There was further discussion of the budget.

A motion to amend the budget and increase the appropriation for the Warren Arts Committee to \$5000 passed in a voice vote.

A motion to amend the budget and reduce the Repairs and Maintenance line by \$50K failed by a division of the house; 52 in favor and 53 opposed.

A motion to request a paper ballot on the question received only four of the seven votes necessary to pass.

A motion to pass Article 1 as amended passed by a division of the house; 92 in favor and 21 opposed.

Article 2: Shall the Town vote to allocate \$30,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2026 to be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission and Reserve Fund Charter dated 24, April 2007?

The use of these funds was explained and past acquisitions outlined.

The Article was moved and passed in a voice vote.

Article 3: Shall the Town of Warren vote to raise and expend the sum of \$15,150 for the support of a project manager/implementation personnel for the VT Route 100 Active Transportation Corridor being pursued by the Mad River Path Association?

Misha Golfman gave an overview of the Corridor work and explained the need for a project manager position.

The Article was moved and passed in a voice vote.

Article 4: Shall the Town of Warren vote to make the Town Hall the permanent home for the library?

Some pros and cons of this action were discussed.

The Article was moved and passed in a voice vote.

Article 5: Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

The Article was moved and passed in a voice vote.

Article 6: Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property billed July 15, taxes due August 17, delinquent after November 16, with no discount?

It was explained that the timing of tax billing needed to change due to the ongoing reappraisal work.

A motion to amend the Article to outlined that taxes will be billed by August 15, due by September 15, and delinquent after November 16 passed in a voice vote.

The amended Article passed in a voice vote.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and expend \$25,000 to the Warren PTO?

There was an explanation of the change from allocating US Forest Service payments for the PTO, and an outline of the programs supported in part by these funds was provided.

The Article was moved and passed in 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?

The Article was moved and passed in a voice vote.

Article 9: To set the date, time, and place of the 2027 Town Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the 2027 Town Meeting on March 2, 2027 at 4:30 pm at the Warren Elementary School.

A motion to amend the time to be 4:00 pm was made and seconded.

A motion to amend the amendment to 6:00 pm failed by voice vote.

A motion to amend the time to be 5:00 pm passed by voice vote.

The amended motion, to hold the 2027 Town Meeting on March 2, 2027 at 5:00 pm at the Warren Elementary School passed by voice vote.

Article 10: The election of Town officers by law. To be voted on by Australian ballot.

The Article was moved and passed in a voice vote.

Article 11: To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Further comments were offered regarding the library's being permanently located in the Town Hall.

The potential for a culvert repair on Powderhound Road was noted.

Brent Adams explained that Town Clerks had been advised in a town clerk training session not to include the names of those born and who had passed during the year in the Town Report for confidentiality reasons.

Thanks were offered to Board members for their service to the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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