

MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Bristol, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, consisting of the Towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro are hereby notified and warned to meet in person (Mount Abraham Library) on Monday, **March 3, 2025, at 4:30 PM**, to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-9) and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 10 - 12). **Legal voters who attend via Zoom may not act upon articles from the floor but may participate for informational purposes only.** The legal voters are further notified and warned that voting on Articles 10 - 12 shall take place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the official polling places of the respective Towns comprising the district.

Please click the link below to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87999222464?pwd=uVGTE3ZHKc6UqbdAsCbWFrYBQtqiC.1>

Meeting ID: 879 9922 2464

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Dial by your location

1-929-205-6099

1-301-715-8592

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To be acted upon on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Article 1: To elect a moderator who shall assume office immediately and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk who shall assume office on July 1, 2025 and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 3: To elect Co-Treasurers who shall assume office on July 1, 2025 and serve one-year terms or until the election and qualification of successors.

Article 4: To establish the salaries for the elected officers of the District.

Article 5: To authorize the District Board of Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the fiscal year 2025-2026 per 16 V.S.A. §562(9).

Article 6: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District directors and officers.

Article 7: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 10 - 12)

Article 8: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 9: To adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM March 4, 2025, when voting by Australian ballot shall commence.

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on March 4, 2025

Article 10: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to transfer an amount not to exceed One Million, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,040,000) from the current funds contained within the Capital Reserve Fund into the general fund to pay for expenses to be incurred as part of the Mt. Abraham Union High School roof replacement project? The balance of the Capital Reserve Fund, not including fiscal year 2024 balance, as of June 30, 2024 was One Million, Seven Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,771,800).

Article 11: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to deposit Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$819,990) of the District's audited fund balance from fiscal year 2024 into the Capital Reserve Fund? The total audited fund balance from fiscal year 2024 as of June 30, 2024 is Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$819,990).

Article 12: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$34,894,443), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Mount Abraham Unified School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Eight and Thirty-One Cents (\$14,628.31), which is 2.11% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:

In person voting will be available at local polling places on **March 4, 2025**, from **7am – 7 pm**. To request to have an MAUSD absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact your Town Clerk, or use the "My Voter Page" online resource from the Secretary of State which can be found here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Please make your request for **mailed** ballots to your Town clerk no later than **February 25, 2025**. Absentee ballots must be returned before the close of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, or to the polling place before 7:00PM on the day of the election, in order to be counted.

Voters of the Town of Bristol will vote at Holley Hall located at 1 South St, Bristol, VT 05443. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Monkton will vote at the Monkton Town Offices located at 92 Monkton Ridge, Monkton, VT 05469. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town New Haven will vote at the New Haven Town Hall located at 70 North St, New Haven, VT 05472. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Starksboro will vote at the Robinson Elementary School located at 41 Parsonage Rd, Starksboro, VT 05487. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Upon closing of the polls in Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro, the ballot boxes will be sealed, transported to, and re-opened at Holly Hall in the Town of Bristol, where the ballots will be counted and comingled by a tabulator under observation of representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and/or Starksboro under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Abraham Unified School District.

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 5 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

On behalf of the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board of Directors:

Erin Jipner, Chair of the Board; Mike Dash, Board Member, Vice Chair; Liz Sayre, Board Member, Clerk; Melissa Laurie, Meredith Rossignol, Kielee Pelland, Justin Pearson, Barbara Crandall, Kristen Toy, Brad Johnson, Sarah Louer, Kathi Apgar, Board Members

Received for the record and recorded this 30th day January, 2025 by Jennifer Bauer, Clerk of the District.