

**TOWN OF PANTON
WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
VOTING TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Panton are hereby notified and warned to meet on **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss and transact business and to vote on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the Panton Town Hall, second floor.** The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Articles 2 – 16 are for discussion only on Monday night. VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. AT PANTON TOWN HALL, SECOND FLOOR:

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers by Australian Ballot:

- Moderator (1 year term)
- Selectboard Member (3-year term)
- Selectboard Member (2-Year term)
- Constable (1-year term)
- Dog Warden (1-year term)
- Vergennes-Panton Water District Representative (3-year term)

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027) General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,120,912.46 of which \$948,188 shall be raised by taxes and \$172,724.81 by non-tax revenue, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters?

NOTE: Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters appropriate the following sums which shall be raised by taxes, to be placed in the Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted:

Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$10,000
Reappraisal Fund	\$2,000
Total	\$12,000

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$11,201 of Town Funds to the following organizations in the amounts listed?

Organization	Amount	Organization	Amount
Adams-Kent Cemetery Association	\$2,500.00	Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
Addison County Court Diversion	\$210.00	Homeward Bound	\$500.00
Addison County Home Health Hospice	\$800.00	HOPE	\$500.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	\$800.00	John Graham Shelter	\$450.00
Addison County Readers	\$250.00	Open Door Clinic	\$500.00
Agewell (CV Agency on Aging)	\$650.00	RSVP	\$350.00
Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)	\$600.00	Tri-Valley Transit	\$691.00
Counseling Service of Addison	\$500.00	Turning Point Center	\$1000.00
Elderly Services	\$850.00		

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters re-appropriate the \$1000 designated for the Boys and Girls Club, approved for Fiscal Year 2026, to the Vergennes Commodore Club?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 of Town Funds to the Vergennes Commodore Club for Fiscal Year 2027?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve the following definition for the Reappraisal Reserve Fund;

“The Reappraisal Reserve Fund shall be used to offset expenses related to Townwide Reappraisals”

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve the following definition and re-naming for the Digitization/IT Fund;

“The Digitization/IT Fund shall become the Digitization Fund, and shall be used to offset the cost of digitizing Town records, and when depleted, retired.”

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters approve the following change to the Tire Reserve Fund;

“The Tire Reserve Fund shall be retired, with all remaining funds re-allocated to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund.”

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters approve the following definition for the Emergency Reserve Fund;

“The Emergency Reserve Fund shall be used to offset expenses from non-recurring, unanticipated catastrophic events and issues outside the control of the Town. This fund is not intended to cover normal budgetary expenditures, overruns or unanticipated revenue shortfalls. The target shall be 15% of the Total Operating Budget to be raised by taxes (excluding appropriations to community organizations, special revenue and reserve funds) for the year the proposed budget is presented.”

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters approve the following definition and name change for the Town Building Maintenance Fund;

“The Town Building Maintenance Fund shall be re-named the Town Building Improvement Reserve Fund and shall be used for renovations, and upgrades to any Town Building including major repairs that extend the useful life of the building, such as roof replacements, HVAC system overhauls, or structural enhancements. This fund shall not be used for routine upkeep or minor repairs that are part of the regular/annual Town Building Maintenance budget.”

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters re-allocate \$90,000 from the Town Building Maintenance Fund to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters approve the following definition for the Highway Capital Equipment Fund;

“The Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund shall be used to purchase, or offset the purchase, or perform major repairs to extend the useful life, of capital equipment. For the purposes of this fund, capital equipment shall mean items with a replacement cost exceeding \$5,000 and a useful life of more than 3 years.”

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters approve the following definition for the Highway Capital Project Fund;

“The Highway Capital Project Fund shall be used for the planning, design, construction, and major rehabilitation of long-term highway infrastructure, including road expansions, bridges, and safety enhancements. The purpose of this fund is for planned projects and does not include Paving or Re-paving.”

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters approve the transfer of all but \$50,000 from the Highway Capital Project Fund to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other non-binding business.

Dated at Panton, County of Addison, and State of Vermont, this 27th day of January 2026.

Zachary Weaver, Selectboard Chair
Teresa Boucher, Selectboard Vice-Chair
Robert T. DeGraaf, Selectboard Member
Kirsten De La Cruz, Selectboard Member
Reece Jaring, Selectboard Member

Attest: Kyle Rowe, Town Clerk & Trea