

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS
Procedure for Remote ZOOM Hearings
Monday, February 22, 2021 and Thursday, February 25, 2021

Remote Public Informational Hearings

The public informational hearings for the 2021 Rochester Annual Town Meeting will be conducted remotely via ZOOM. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearings by dialing in through their telephone.

Accessing the Hearings

Dial in

1-929-205-6099

February 22, 2021- *Meeting ID: 868 5260 0035 Passcode: 856021*

February 25, 2021- *Meeting ID:875 1069 7991 Passcode: 123999*

Participation

The Selectboard will follow an agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the designated public comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed.

Initially, the hearing host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Selectboard Chair or Town Moderator.

After introducing an article for discussion, the Chair will invite comment from the public. Public participants must state their name before commenting.

When the Selectboard adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by turning off/closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

NOTICE AND AGENDA
Town of Rochester Annual Meeting
Public Informational Hearings
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The legal voters of the Town of Rochester are hereby notified and warned that the Selectboard for the Town of Rochester will hold two public informational hearings on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of these public informational hearings is to review and discuss Articles 11-31 as presented on the 2021 Town of Rochester Annual Meeting Warning.

These public informational hearings will be conducted remotely via ZOOM. For information on how to connect and participate in the hearings, please see the Informational Meeting – Procedures for Remote Zoom Hearing.

Voting on all Articles presented on the Warning, including the election of officers, will take place by Australian ballot on Monday, March 1, 2021. For information on the Annual Meeting and Australian ballot voting, please see the Warning and Notice to Voters posted herewith.

Please test your software in advance of the meeting to ensure a proper connection.

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Article 11. Shall the term of the Town Clerk be changed to 3 years, effective Town Meeting March 7, 2022, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2646(2)?

Article 12. Shall the term of the Town Treasurer be changed to 3 years, effective Town Meeting March 7, 2022, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2646(3)?

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Monday, August 16, 2021, Monday, November 15, 2021, Monday, February 14, 2022 and Monday, May 16, 2022, by delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates?

Article 14. Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,095,646.00 of which \$766,833.00 shall be raised by taxes?

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate \$45,625.00 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library?

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$69,479.00 to provide ambulance service from White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA)?

Article 17. Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$20,400.00 to continue funding the "Fast Trash" and Recycling program (receipt of recyclables and trash with residents paying for trash per bag) from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

Article 18. Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$8,000.00 to continue funding the Town Buildings Reserve Fund?

Article 19. Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to continue funding the Tennis Court Reserve Fund?

Article 20. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$3,000.00 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging?

Article 21. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$2,066.00 to the Clara Martin Center?

Article 22. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$100.00 to Green Up Vermont?

Article 23. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$9,849.00 to the Quintown Senior Center?

Article 24. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$250.00 to the Orange County Parent Child Center?

Article 25. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$250.00 to SafeLine, Inc.?

Article 26. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$1,300.00 to Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Stagecoach)?

Article 27. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$100.00 to Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant?

Article 28. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$4,800.00 to VNH—Visiting Nurse Association?

Article 29. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$875.00 to White River Partnership?

Article 30. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$250.00 to WomenSafe?

Article 31. Shall the Town of Rochester be required to inform its residents when sources of radiation, such as that from cell towers and 5G antennas, are being proposed for installation within its town limits?