

# 2025 MARLBORO TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING BALLOT COMPANION

- Your ballots are enclosed. This process is an important contribution to ensuring that the Town & School run smoothly.
- Take your time going through each article. If you are undecided, it is OK to leave boxes blank.
- **Ask questions & get informed by attending the Informational Meetings:**

→ Saturday February 22, 2025 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM in-person in the Marlboro Elementary School AND simultaneously on ZOOM for discussion of **BOTH the Town & School Ballot** articles.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89235574264> Meeting Id: 89235574264

To Join By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

The link and additional information will also be posted on the School District's website: **marlboroschool.net**

- Zoom links to the Informational Meetings appear on the meeting Warnings on the town website **marlborovt.us**  
Click on the link and you will enter the meeting.
- Town Report booklets will be available by February 22 or earlier, and can be picked up at the Town Office & Post Office. The report will also be available digitally on the town website: **marlborovt.us** The prior year's Town Meeting vote results (look under "Documents" ) will show articles as well as how the voters responded last year.
- Please vote BOTH ballots. Place ballots in the Signature Envelope, which must be signed and dated to be counted. Return postage has been paid by the Town, or use the Town Drop-box at the office.
- In-person voting will be available on March 4, 2025 from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM in the Town House adjacent to the Town Office. Please bring your ballot with you. Extra ballots will be available if needed.

## FUNDING REQUEST EXPLANATION – TOWN BALLOT

- Article 5: Two installments will reduce the Town's need to borrow (thereby reducing interest costs) and will allow taxpayers two installments to cover their bill.
- Article 6: This proposed Local Sales Tax will bring revenue to the Town to help reduce property taxes.
- Article 7: Select Board stipend amount increases \$900 (\$300 each).
- Article 8: The General Fund budget increase of \$166,250 from the prior year (benefit correction & staffing increase, insurance increase, building maintenance).
- Article 9: Town Highways budget increase of \$240,905 (staffing increase, insurance increase, equipment capital fund). Change from the prior year for Article 8 & 9 estimated at a \$0.32 increase on town tax rate, or \$320 per \$100,000 of owner real estate value.
- Article 10 & 11: Total Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company requests REDUCED from \$105,000 to \$85,000.
- Article 12 & 13: Rescue, Inc. REDUCED from \$21,904 to \$21,309 (\$595 less); Deerfield Valley Rescue same.
- Articles 14: To fund long-deferred removal of building with hazardous materials from Town owned property.
- Articles 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23 are the same amounts as requested in 2024.

## FUNDING REQUEST EXPLANATION – SCHOOL BALLOT

- Article 2: Same as 2024.
- Article 4: Our proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year is an increase of \$241,814 over the 2024 budget but per pupil cost is down 1.94% from the previous year.
- Article 7 & 8: **Yes** vote means to return to floor vote for budgets and public questions.  
**No** vote means to keep the current Australian Ballot voting system.