

# 2026 MARLBORO TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING BALLOT COMPANION

- Your ballots are enclosed. Take your time going through each article. If you are undecided, it is OK to leave boxes blank. Please vote BOTH ballots. Place voted 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 drop-box in front of the Town Office. Postal delivery times are now long so please plan ahead so your vote gets counted!
- Town Report booklets will be available by February 21 or earlier, and available at the Town Office, Post Office, & Community Center. The report will also be available digitally on the town website: [marlborovt.us](http://marlborovt.us) The prior year's Town & School Meeting vote results (look under "Documents" > Town Meeting 2025 ) will show election results from last year.
- In-person voting will be available on **March 3, 2026 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.
- **Ask questions & get informed by attending the Informational Meetings:**
  - **SCHOOL:** Saturday February 28, 2026 from 10:00 AM - NOON at the Marlboro Elementary School **AND** simultaneously on ZOOM for discussion of **School Ballot** articles.
  - Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3109964839> Passcode: 8YL2zj
  - The link and additional information will also be posted on the School District's website: [marlboroschool.net](http://marlboroschool.net)
  - **TOWN:** Saturday February 28, 2026 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM at the Marlboro Community Center **AND** simultaneously on ZOOM for discussion of **Town Ballot** articles.
  - Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89235574264> Meeting Id: 89235574264
    - ◆ To Join By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

→ Zoom links to the Informational Meetings appear in a post [2026 Marlboro Town & School Elections](#) (scroll down) on the home page of the town website [marlborovt.us](http://marlborovt.us) Click on the link and you will enter the meeting.

#### FUNDING REQUEST EXPLANATION – TOWN BALLOT

- Article 2 & 3: Two property tax installments will reduce the Town's need to borrow and allows taxpayers to cover their bill in two installments. Installments will be 70% due in October and 30% due in March. The 1% interest is proposed on any unpaid portion of the October amount until paid in full. Statutory delinquent taxes amounts (9%) not levied until the March bill is also unpaid.
- Article 4: The General Fund budget increase of \$101,625 from the prior year (retirement benefit correction, staffing increase, insurance increase).
- Article 5: Town Highways budget **decrease** of \$185,220 (equipment use hourly adjustment results in decrease, wages increase, staff stable). Bottom line tax rate not predictable at this time due to town-wide reappraisal.
- Article 6 & 7: Total Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company requests INCREASED from \$85,000 to \$90,000.
- Article 8 & 9: Rescue, Inc. INCREASE of \$216 per contract; Deerfield Valley Rescue INCREASED \$2,000 from 2025.
- Article 14: Greeter program for screening aquatic invasives at the South Pond Fishing Access.
- Article 15: Increase of \$250 from 2025.
- Articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, are the same amounts as requested in 2025.
- Article 20: is required by Vermont law.

#### FUNDING REQUEST EXPLANATION – SCHOOL BALLOT

- Article 4 is to see if Marlboro will stop operating a school and pay tuition for our students to attend other local public schools.
- Article 5 is the proposed budget to cover the cost of educating our students if the school closes. This covers the cost of tuitioning students in grades preK-12 to other schools.
- Article 8 allows us to use the fund balance to cover any additional expenses without raising additional tax revenue.