

**TOWN OF CHELSEA ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2025**

The legal voters of the Town of Chelsea are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Chelsea Town Hall in Chelsea on March 4, 2025 from 9 am to 7 pm to vote by Australian ballot on the following article:

**Art 1. To elect the following officers:**

- a. Town Moderator – one (1) year term;
- b. Town Clerk – three (3) year term;
- c. Treasurer – three (3) year term;
- d. Delinquent Tax Collector – one (1) year term;
- e. Selectboard – three (3) year term;
- f. Selectboard – two (2) year term;
- g. Selectboard – one (1) year of three (3) year term;
- h. Lister –three (3) year term;
- i. Trustees of the Public Library – one (1) year of a three (3) year term;
- j. Trustee of Public Funds – three (3) year term;
- k. Cemetery Commissioner – five (5) year term;

**Art 2. Shall the Town of Chelsea, pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840, vote to approve an additional period of tax exemption to exempt from all property taxation, including municipal and educational tax liability, for five years, commencing in 2025, on the current Chelsea Health Center facility and 2.5 acres of land on which the facility, parking lot and driveway are situated, located at 365 VT Rte 110 in the Town of Chelsea, owned by the Chelsea Health Center, Inc, a non-profit organization used primarily for public health purposes.**

The legal voters of the Town of Chelsea are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Chelsea Town Hall in Chelsea on March 4, 2025 at 10 am to transact the following business from the floor:

**Art 3. Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Selectboard in the amount of \$15,840.00 as shown in the 2025 Budget?**

<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Request Amount</u>
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	1,000.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	1,250.00
Chelsea Farmer's Market	1,000.00
Chelsea Historical Society	2,000.00
Chelsea Senior Center	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,040.00
Everybody Wins Vermont	500.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00

Orange County Restorative Justice	350.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	2,000.00
Safeline	1,000.00
Tri Valley Transit	1,600.00

Art. 4. To see if the voters shall approve the total general fund expenditures of \$1,751,244 of which \$1,144,992 shall be raised by taxes and \$606,252 by non-tax revenue.

Art. 5 To see if voters shall place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

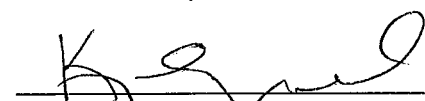
Art. 6. To see if the voters shall establish a due date of November 1, 2025 for payment of Town and State Education taxes, establish a penalty of 8% for taxes not paid for or postmarked by the due date, establish a monthly interest charge of 1% for taxes unpaid after the due date.

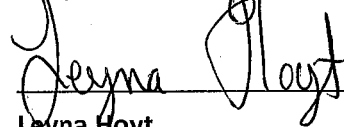
Art. 7. To transact any other lawful business to properly come before the voters.

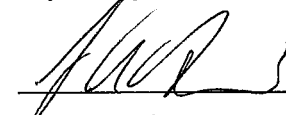
Dated this 25 day of January, 2025


By the Selectboard members of the Town of Chelsea:

  
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 Kevin Marshia, Chair

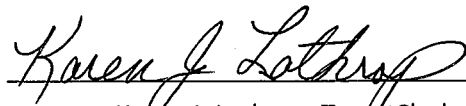
  
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 Kelly Lyford

  
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 Leyna Hoyt

  
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 Gregg Herrin

  
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 William Lyon

Received for recording this 28 day of January, 2025

  
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 Karen J. Lathrop, Town Clerk

# NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

## BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 2, 2025. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 12, 2025.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov). The latest you can request ballots for the 2025 TOWN of Chelsea Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on Thursday - February 27, 2025. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

## WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

## ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

## NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- **WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.