
Norwich VT

2011-2012

Citizens' Guide

to voting, local officials & boards

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Election Calendar for 2011-2012

State and Federal Elections:

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 7 am – 7 pm
Primary Election Voting Tracy Hall

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 7 am – 7 pm
General Election Voting Tracy Hall

Local and School Elections:

Thursday, March 1, 2012 7:00 pm
Dresden Informational Meeting (grades 7-12)
Discussion only: Dresden Warrant Articles
Hanover High School Auditorium

Monday, March 5, 2012 7:30 pm
Norwich Informational Meeting Tracy Hall
Discussion only: Town and School Warrant Articles

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 7 am – 7 pm
Town Meeting Voting Tracy Hall
Presidential Primary

Information for Voters

- The *Annual Report*, mailed to all registered voters, includes the town Warning to be discussed at the informational meeting and voted on at the March Town Meeting. It also contains details of town and school budgets, lists town staff and board members, and has annual reports of town officials and boards. Copies are also available at Tracy Hall and Town Meeting.
- The *Warning for Town Meeting* is prepared by the Town Manager and the Selectboard, and lists officers to be elected and funds to be raised for both town and schools. Registered voters are eligible and encouraged to vote on the Warning. Articles are placed on the Warning either by the Selectboard or by petition. The Warning will be posted at Tracy Hall at least 30 days prior to the day of Town Meeting.
- The *public informational meeting* is held the evening prior to voting. Town residents discuss any Norwich town or school matter related to town business.
- To *place an article on the Town Warning by petition*, submit it to the Town Clerk no fewer than 40 days before Town Meeting Day. The article must have signatures from at least 5% of Norwich's legally qualified voters from the current checklist.
- To *file a petition as a candidate for local office*, call the Town Clerk (649-1419) for the filing date and other information.
- You may review the *checklist of registered voters*

to be sure your name appears on it. The checklist will be posted 30 days prior to the election in Tracy Hall.

- A voter who is physically unable to mark the ballot may be assisted by either an election official or a qualified voter.

Voting and Registration

To vote in Norwich, you must:

1. Be a US citizen;
2. Be a Norwich resident;
3. Be at least 18 years of age by Election Day;*
4. Take the voter's oath;
5. Be registered on the Norwich voter checklist.

Absentee Voting

- Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk's office 30 days prior to a primary or general election and 20 days before a town election. Any registered voter may vote in advance by absentee ballot for any reason. You can submit the ballot by mail or in person. Voting by absentee ballot is only allowed in elections by Australian ballot.
- Absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk before the polls close on Election Day. Be certain to sign and enclose the affidavit that accompanies this ballot.
- For more information on absentee voting and for special provisions made for military, college students or overseas residents contact the Town Clerk at 649-1419, ext. 103, or check the Secretary of State's website: <http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/voters.html>.
- For absentee voting in the Dresden school district elections, ballots can be obtained in person or by mail or by fax from the Norwich Town Clerk or from the SAU office in Hanover (603-643-6050). The ballot request requires the voter's signature. These ballots are generally available at least 14 days prior to an election.
- No requests for absentee ballots will be accepted after noon the day prior to the election.

Registration

- Norwich residents may register with the Town Clerk in Tracy Hall during office hours or at any Vermont State office, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Contact the Town Clerk for hours: 649-1419 ext. 103 or clerk@norwich.vt.us.
- The deadline for registration is 5 pm on the Wednesday preceding the day of election.
- Any resident who will be 18 between this final registration deadline and Election Day should give written notice of intent to register to the Town Clerk before the above-mentioned dead-

line.* Voting will be permitted in the Primary preceding the General Election if the resident will be 18 by Election Day.

- There is no requirement to list party affiliation. In all primaries except the Presidential Primary, you will receive primary ballots for all parties; you may mark one (discarding others), so that your party choice is private.
- Registration is permanent until you move out of town or fail to return first and second notices from the Board of Civil Authority indicating your continued voting eligibility.
- If you are registering for the first time in Vermont, you must provide one of the following forms of identification: current and valid photo identification, bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name and current street address.
- If you are unable to register in person, a form for absentee registration may be obtained from the Town Clerk, or downloaded from the Secretary of State's website: <http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/voters.html>. The forms must be returned to Town Hall by the Wednesday prior to Election Day with photocopies of proper identification forms listed above.

Norwich Town Offices / Officials

Tracy Hall, 300 Main Street
Box 376, Norwich VT 05055
802-649-1419

www.norwich.vt.us

Town Manager(manager@norwich.vt.us)

Neil Fulton, Interim Town Manager 649-1419 ext. 1
Nancy Kramer, Assistant 649-1419 ext. 1

Town Clerk (clerk@norwich.vt.us)

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:30 – 4:30
Thursday 8:30 – 6:00
Bonnie Munday, Town Clerk 649-1419 ext. 2

Finance Office (finance@norwich.vt.us)

Roberta Robinson, Manager 649-1419 ext. 3

Planning and Zoning Administrator (planning@norwich.vt.us)

Phil Dechert 649-1419 ext. 4

Police (EMERGENCY 911)

Douglas Robinson, Chief 649-1460

Fire Department (fire@norwich.vt.us)

Steve Leinoff, Chief 649-1133

Norwich Town Government

NOTE: Meeting times are subject to change. Minutes, agendas, other information: www.norwich.vt.us or the Town Report. All meetings are held at Tracy Hall, unless listed otherwise.

ELECTED Committees / Officials

Year indicates term expiration.

Selectboard (selectboard@norwich.vt.us)

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Christopher Ashley	2013	649-1091
Roger Blake	2012	649-3900
Ed Childs, Chair	2014	649-1614
Linda Cook	2013	649-2825
Stephen Flanders	2012	649-1134

Cemetery Commission

Robert Parker	2015	649-1751
Fred Smith, Jr.	2013	649-1364
Demo Sofronais	2014	649-1536
Fred Spaulding, Chair	2012	649-1121

Fire District Prudential Committee

Elected by residents of Fire District

Brian McMullan, Administrator		649-3474
Jack Candon, Moderator	2012	649-5268
Barbara Currier	2012	649-2577
Anne French, Clerk	2012	649-1436
Cheryl Lindberg, Treasurer	2012	649-1678
Jonathan Vincent, Chair	2013	649-1807
Priscilla Vincent, Auditor	2012	649-1807
Vince Watts	2014	649-2178

Justices of the Peace

Elected at the General Election for two years, JPs serve as part of the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Abatement; they are responsible for the conduct of elections and are empowered by the State to solemnize marriages.

Brooke Adler		649-1072
Joyce Childs		649-1614
Ernie Ciccotelli		649-2239
Nancy Dean		649-1324
Pat Donohue		649-3990
Robert Gere		649-5267
Linda Grey		649-2032
Ann Harvey		649-8783
Nancy Hoggson		649-5740

Corlan Johnson		649-5245
Don Kreis, Chair		649-3073
Fred Smith, Jr.		649-1364

Listers		649-1419 ext. 6
Elizabeth Blum		2014
Ernest Ciccotelli		2012
Jonathan Vincent, Chair		2013

Town Moderator

Warren Thayer	2012	649-3737
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Treasurer

Cheryl Lindberg	2011	649-1678
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Trustees of Trust Funds

Deborah Hall	2012	649-1263
Cheryl Lindberg	2013	649-1678
Douglas Rexford	2012	643-5536

APPOINTED Committees / Officials

Affordable Housing

Meets 3rd Mon, 7 pm, Norwich Library

Creigh Moffatt, Chair		649-5533
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Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits

Appointed, one year

Frank Olmstead		649-2001
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Conservation Commission

Meets 3rd Tues, 7pm

Genevieve Morinville, Chair		649-7052
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Development Review Board

Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs, 7pm

John Lawe, Chair		649-1585
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Emergency Management

Jennie Hubbard, Coordinator		649-3882
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Energy Committee

Meets 3rd Thurs, 7pm

Alan Berolzheimer, Chair		649-2857
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Finance Committee

Meets 3rd Tues, 4:30pm

Keith Moran, Chair		649-2191
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Fire Warden

Linda Cook		649-2825
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Milton Frye Nature Area Committee

Meets 1st Thurs, 3:30pm, Marian Cross Library

Lindsay Putnam, Chair		649-1668
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Game Warden

Jason Batchelder		649-5983
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Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

Neil Fulton 649-1419 ext. 1
Brian McMullan, Rep. 649-3604

Health Officer

John Lawe, MD 649-1585
Bonnie Munday, Deputy H.O. 2013 649-1419 ext. 2

Planning Commission

Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs, 7 pm

Daniel Johnson, Chair 649-5533

Recreation Council

Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm

Lars Blackmore, President 649-8194
Jill Niles, Recreation Director 649-1419 ext. 5

Senior Action Council

Martha Drake, Chair 649-1301

Town Service Officer

Linda Cook 649-2825

Transportation

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 pm

Lucy Gibson, Chair 649-5738

Tree Warden

Jake Blum 2012 649-2994

Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission

Jeff Goodrich, Alternate 2012 649-2624
Jamie Hess 2012 649-3696

Watershed Land Management Council

David Hubbard, Chair 2012 649-3882

Community Organizations

Norwich Public Library (www.norwichlibrary.org)

Main and Hazen Streets 649-1184
Lucinda Walker, Director
Ann Waterfall, President 649-2259

Norwich Historical Society (www.norwichhistory.org)

Main and Elm Streets 649-0124
Michelle Schembri, Director
Judy Brown, Acting Director
Nancy Hoggson, President 649-5740

Dresden/Norwich School Districts

Norwich, VT and Hanover, NH www.sau70.org
The Dresden School Board is responsible for policy affecting Hanover High School and the Frances Richmond Middle School. The Norwich School Board, comprised of 5 members (4 of whom also serve as voting members on the Dresden School Board, and one who is non-voting), is responsible for the Marion Cross Elementary School.

Norwich School Board

Meets 1st Wed., 7pm, Marian Cross Library

Linda Addante, Vice Chair	2014	649-5286
Carey Callaghan	2013	649-1987
Anne Day, Chair	2014	649-2344
Neil Odell	2012	649-3089
Lauren Rhim	2012	649-7042

Dresden School Board

Meets 4th Tues., 7:30pm, Hanover High Library

Members of the entire Norwich Board plus:

Kari Asmus, Chair	2013	603-643-5849
Elissa Brisson	2014	603-643-6063
Robin Carpenter	2013	603-643-6343
John Chamberlin	2012	603-643-2766
Kevin Cotter	2014	603-643-0343
Erica Finlayson	2014	603-643-3827
Gordon Spaeth	2012	603-643-1704

School Administration

Hanover High School	603-643-3421
Deborah Gillespie, Principal	
Frances Richmond Middle School	603-643-6040
Jim Nourse, Principal	
Marion Cross School (K-6)	649-1703
Linda Kelly, Principal	
SAU 70 Administration	
Hanover, NH 03755	603-643-6050
Frank Bass, PhD., Superintendent	
John Aubin, Assistant Superintendent for Business	

Windsor County

Windsor County Offices and Courthouse
Woodstock, VT 457-2121

District Court

White River Junction 295-8865

Vermont State Government

Peter Shumlin (D), Governor 800-649-6825
State House, Montpelier

James Condos (D), Secretary of State 802-828-2148
jim.condos@sec.state.vt.us

State Senators

Windsor County
John Campbell (D)
jcampbell@leg.state.vt.us 295-1111

Alice Nitka (D)
anitka@leg.state.vt.us 228-8432

Richard McCormack (D)
rmccormack@leg.state.vt.us 234-5497

State Representatives

Windsor/Orange 1
James Masland (D)
jmasland@leg.state.vt.us 785-4146

Margaret Cheney (D)
mcheney@leg.state.vt.us 649-3039

United States Government*

US Senate

Patrick Leahy (D) 2004-2010
433 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510
202-224-4242 FAX: 202-224-3479
e-mail: senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov

Court House Plaza, 199 Main St., Burlington, VT
05401 800-642-3193

Bernard Sanders (I) 2006-2012
332 Dirksen Bldg., U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510
202-224-5141 FAX: 202-228-0776
e-mail: bernie@senate.gov

1 Church St., Burlington, VT 05401 800-339-9834

US House of Representatives

Peter Welch (D) 2010-2012
1404 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC
20515 202-225-4115

website: <http://welch.house.gov/>
30 Main St., 3rd Floor, Suite 350, Burlington, VT 05401
888-605-7270

* To reach any of the Vermont congressional delegation, send mail to their Vermont offices and not to Washington. Because of security, it can now take up to 8 weeks for Washington mail to be delivered.

Democratic Town Committee

Jamie Hess, Chair 649-3696

Progressive Town Committee

Elizabeth Blum, Chair 649-2030

Republican Town Committee

John Currier, Chair 649-2577

The League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a national grassroots, nonpartisan, political organization with men and women members committed to making democracy work through informed citizen participation. It neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. The League is organized at all levels of government—local, state and national. The League emphasizes education, Voter Service and advocacy.

PO Box 423, Hanover, NH 03755

www.uppervalleyleague.org

The Norwich Women's Club

The Norwich Women's Club is a social and philanthropic organization open to anyone who has an interest in Norwich. The Club supports educational opportunities and promotes civic and cultural projects for the town and its residents.

PO Box 191, Norwich, VT 05055-0191

www.norwichwomensclub.org

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