

WARNING

2026 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ATHENS, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Athens are hereby notified and warned to act on the following articles on the 2nd of March 2026 at 6:00pm at the Athens Community Center (Former Elementary School).

All voting for Town Officers will be by Australian ballot on the 3rd of March 2026. Polls will be open between 10:00am and 7:00pm at the Athens Town Office.

Article 1: To act on the town report

Article 2: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes

Article 3: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Town Clerk, pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 1236 (10) or Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791 to collect current taxes on the 10th of September 2026

Article 4: To see if the Town shall vote to publish a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town Report

Article 5: To see if the Town shall vote to approve a budget of \$734,355.49, with \$633,380.49 to be raised by taxes

Article 6: To see if the Town shall vote to decrease the total membership of the selectboard from five to three members pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2650(b)

Article 7: To see if the Town shall adopt a fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30

Article 8: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk for a term of 1 year, as permitted by 17 V.S.A. § 2651e

Article 9: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer for a term on 1 year, as permitted by 17 V.S.A. § 2651f

Article 10: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the annual maintenance of its cemeteries

Article 11: Shall the voters of Athens approve the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of maintaining the Athens Brick Meetinghouse

Article 12: To see if the Town shall vote to raise the sum of \$6,726.00 for Humanitarian expenses. (**Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** - \$1,140.00; **Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital** - \$500.00; **Women's Freedom Center** - \$250.00; **Youth Services** - \$330.00; **SEVCA** - \$1,000.00; **Bellows Falls Area Senior Center** - \$250.00; **Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice for Vermont and**

**New Hampshire (VNH) - \$1,350.00; Grafton Cares - \$1,000.00; Health Care
Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)- \$356.00; Senior Solutions - \$300.00; Bull Creek
Common Lands - \$250.00**

Article 13: To set the time of future town meetings

Article 14: To transact any further business proper to come before said meeting

Dated this 24th Day of January 2026 at Athens, Vermont

David Bemis

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Krista Gay

Janet Perry