

## TOWN HALL MONTHLY: March 2026

Town Meeting will be Tuesday, March 10. It begins when the polls for ballot voting open in the Town Hall at 10AM that morning and runs through the in person meeting which convenes at 7PM that evening. The daylong meeting is conducted by our Moderator, John Luther. A Select Board representative is required to be present throughout the proceedings. Our Supervisors of the Checklist admit registered voters and sign up unregistered residents who want to become voters. Ballot clerks, your neighbors, representing both political parties, give voters their ballots. Voters check out with Charlotte, our Town Clerk, and submit their ballots to John to be inserted into a ballot box until the counting of all ballots after closing of the polls at the end of the meeting. It is not unusual to have representatives from State government spend time at the polls during voting as observers and we are evaluated on our adherence to State guidelines including the posting of voters' rights and polls accessibility. It's an amazing process and one that we can be proud of. It's also a much appreciated opportunity to see neighbors, hear the latest, and eat good food.

The daytime ballot voting is for choosing Town officials and for budget decisions for our Fall Mountain Regional School District. This year the District will ask whether we approve Langdon and Walpole withdrawing. As we have noted here before, the loss of any of our members will increase the costs for the remaining towns.

The evening in person meeting is for voting on Town business including the operating budget which keeps our office, the Library, the Transfer Station and our roads open to all of us. We also vote on setting money aside for future large expenditures to make them easier to manage when the time comes. It's an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, and hear each other.

Town Meeting is what really marks the beginning of the new year with new goals, new projects and looking forward. Town Reports will be available before the meeting. Pick one up and read about our Town. We're so fortunate to be here.

See you soon, Kathi