



**TOWN OF WESTMINSTER**  
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**ANNUAL TOWN & FIRE & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING – MARCH 2, 2024**

**VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT– MARCH 5, 2024**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH TERMS EXPIRING MARCH 5, 2024**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LENGTH OF TERM</u>	<u>PRESENTLY HELD BY</u>
MODERATOR (Town, Fire)	1 Year	David Major
SCHOOL MODERATOR	1 Year	David Major
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Jason Perry
SELECTBOARD	2 Years	Kevin Hughes
LISTER	3 Years	Jacklyn Atwood
COMMISSIONER, CAMPBELL FUND	1 Year	Karen Walter
COMMISSIONER, CAMPBELL FUND	1 Year	Nancy Dalzell
COMMISSIONER, CAMPBELL FUND	1 Year	Vacant
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Pauline O'Brien
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Pauline O'Brien
TRUSTEE, CAMPBELL FUND	3 Years	Michael Fawcett
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	3 Years	Michael Fawcett
UHSD#27 DIRECTOR	3 Years	David Clark
UHSD#27 DIRECTOR - remaining	1 Year	Jamie Storror
TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR	3 Years	Cheryl Charles
TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR	2 Years	Karen Blanchard
FIRE DISTRICT #3 PRUDENTIAL	3 Years	Katie Dearborn

Nomination Petitions are ready for those who wish to run for town office. They may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office any weekday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00pm.,and must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by 5:00pm on Monday, January 29, 2024 and contain at least 26 valid signatures. Anyone whose name does not appear on the voter checklist should register at the Town Clerk's office.

## **Why will you be asked which party ballot you would like to vote on this year's Town Meeting Day?**

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On Town meeting day, when you go to the polls, you will be voting for local officers as well as for Presidential candidates. Voters do not register their party preference in Vermont, but in the Presidential Primaries, they are asked for their choice of party ballot. Vermont's Director of Elections and Campaign Finance explains that in 1980 the law was enacted when the Republican and Democratic national parties determined that they were not going to allow states that did not have party registration (open primaries) to participate in the Presidential nomination process. As a compromise, Vermont proposed recording the voter's choice on the Entrance Checklist. What the parties really are looking for is a way to try to gauge party affiliation. After the Presidential Primary, both parties may request copies of the Entrance Checklist from each town so that they can update their voter files with updated party affiliation data.

In Westminster, this information is not used for any other purpose, or carried forward on the Checklist from year to year. The Entrance Checklist is stored with other election materials for that year, and destroyed after a period of five years from the date of the election, pursuant to Vermont State Archives and Records Administration's Retention Schedule. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (802-722-4091) or Vermont's Office of the Secretary of State (802-828-2363).