

**ESSEX WESTFORD EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY  
UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #51**

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING FOR  
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES**

**APRIL 5, 2022**

The legal voters of the Essex Westford Educational Community Unified Union School District #51 (hereafter “Essex Westford School District”) comprising the voters of the Village of Essex Junction, Essex Town, and the Town of Westford are hereby warned and notified of a public informational hearing on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(g) the hearing is to provide voters information on the articles listed below which will be voted by Australian Ballot at the Annual Meeting on April 12, 2022.

Voters and interested persons can attend this public informational meeting in person at the Essex High School Library or remotely via a Regular Zoom Meeting (link to register: <https://bit.ly/3vX0VYM>) The meeting will also be broadcast live on Media Factory and Facebook Live.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term ending at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk for a term ending at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer for a term ending at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Article 4: To authorize the Essex Westford School District to borrow money to be used for the payment of District expenses by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date of issuance pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$86,008,927 which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,146 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.30% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Essex Westford School District approve the school board to expend \$8,226,539 which is the amount the school board has determined necessary for the support of the Center for Technology, Essex for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022?

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John Sonnicks, Essex Westford School District Clerk