

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION**  
**STRAFFORD, VERMONT**  
**MARCH 3, 2026**

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<b>MODERATOR</b> 1 Year (Write-in) <b>31</b> ○	<b>AUDITOR</b> 3 Years <b>SUZANNA LIEPMANN</b> <b>357</b> ○ (Write-in) ○	<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b> 2 Years (Write-in) <i>Matt Christie 223</i> ○
<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b> 3 Years Vote for ONE <b>CHRIS BEHR</b> <b>344</b> ○ (Write-in) <b>5</b> ○	<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b> 3 Years Vote for TWO <b>LAURI BERKENKAMP</b> <b>359</b> ○ <b>KATE SIEPMANN</b> <b>355</b> ○ (Write-in) ○ (Write-in) ○	<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b> 1 Year to complete a two-year term Vote for ONE <b>JASON SCHUMACHER</b> <b>357</b> ○ Write-in <b>5</b> ○
<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b> 1 Year to complete a three-year term Vote for ONE <b>MARYA MERRIAM</b> <b>342</b> ○ (Write-in) <b>1</b> ○	<b>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b> 3 Years Vote for ONE <b>CINDY STABLEFORD</b> <b>357</b> ○ (Write-in) ○	<b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b> 1 Year Vote for ONE <b>JEANNE CASTRO</b> <b>356</b> ○ (Write-in) <b>3</b> ○
<b>LISTER</b> 3 Years Vote for ONE <b>TIMOTHY DENNY</b> <b>332</b> ○ (Write-in) <b>3</b> ○	<b>HARRIS LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> 3 Years Vote for ONE <b>KEVIN LYNCH</b> <b>353</b> ○ (Write-in) <b>2</b> ○	<b>AGENT TO DEED REAL ESTATE</b> 1 Year Vote for ONE <b>LISA M BRAGG</b> <b>365</b> ○ (Write-in) ○

**TOWN ARTICLES**

**Article 2:** Shall the town appropriate \$ 1,842,402 to defray 2026 budget expenses?

**356** YES ○  
**19** NO ○

**Article 3:** Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds from sources other than the property tax for Town purposes?

**370** YES ○  
**35** NO ○

**Article 4:** Shall the town collect taxes in two installments, as follows: one half of the total tax bill is due at the Town Office by or before 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 2, 2026; the balance of the tax bill is due at the Town Office by or before 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 2, 2026? Late taxpayers are charged at a rate of 1% per month for the first 3 months, and at a rate of 1.5% per month for each month thereafter. After a 7-day grace period ending December 9, 2026, an additional 8% collection fee will be charged on delinquent taxes.

**373** YES ○  
**6** NO ○

+ VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2026**

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<b>SCHOOL MODERATOR</b>	<b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b>	<b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b>
1 Year Vote for ONE (Write-in)	3 Years Vote for ONE (Write-in)	2 Years Vote for ONE (Write-in)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 19	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NELLE M. DONALDSON 333	<input checked="" type="radio"/> DUSTIN S. RAY 339
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**SCHOOL ARTICLES**

**Article 2.** To fix the salaries in the amount of \$500 for the School District Officers for the 2026-2027 school year.

335 YES   
25 NO

**Article 3.** Shall the legal voters authorize the School Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027?

319 YES   
37 NO

**Article 4.** Shall the legal voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$4,596,531 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Town of Strafford School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,689.64 which is 3.37% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

298 YES   
67 NO

**Article 6.** Shall the legal voters of the School District authorize the School Board of Directors to transfer to the Tuition Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the estimated fund balance of \$277,299 existing as of June 30, 2025?

337 YES   
22 NO

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**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

