## WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Strafford are hereby notified and warned to vote by Australian ballot either via mail as provided by the Town Clerk or at the Town Clerks Office on March 4, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM (when the polls will open) and 7:00 o'clock PM (when the polls will close) and thereby act on the following questions:

**Article 1:** To Elect a Moderator who shall immediately assume office.

Article 2: Shall the town appropriate \$ 1,855,194 to defray 2025 budget expenses?

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

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 3, 2025; the balance of the tax bill is due at the Town Office by or

before 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 3, 2025? 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 10, 2025, an additional 8% collection fee will be charged on delinquent taxes.

**Article 5:** To elect the following officers:

For a term of 3 years For one year to complete a three-year

Selectboard Member term

Lister Selectboard Member
Auditor

Cemetery Commissioner For a term of 2 years:
Trustee of Public Funds Selectboard Member

Harris Library Trustee

For a term of 1 year:

Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Agent to Deed Real Estate

Article 6: Shall the town vote to eliminate the office of constable pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651a(d)?

- **Article 7:** Shall the voters of the Town of Strafford vote to discontinue the use of the Australian ballot system for decisions of public questions and revert to traditional floor voting?
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Strafford vote to discontinue the use of the Australian ballot system for budgetary questions and revert to traditional floor voting?
- **Article 9:** Shall the voters of the Town of Strafford vote to discontinue the use of the Australian ballot system for the election of officers and revert to traditional floor voting?
- Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Strafford move to hold annual town meeting by floor vote on Saturdays immediately preceding the first Tuesdays in March?

Dated this 30th day January 2025

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Strafford:

Andrew Duncklee

Kelly Harman

Mary Linehan
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