

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, in West Rutland, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000), subject to reduction by the application of federal and state grants-in-aid and reserve funds, be issued for the purpose of upgrading the wastewater treatment facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

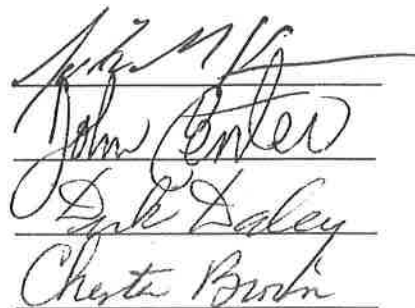
The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at six o'clock (6:00 p.m.) in the evening, at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, in West Rutland for the purpose of discussing the proposition.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of West Rutland duly called, noticed and held on January 27, 2025. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of West Rutland on January 27, 2025.

ATTEST:

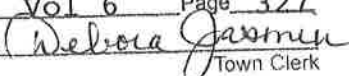


Debora Jasmin
Town Clerk



Selectboard

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD

28th day of January A.D. 2025
AT 11 O'Clock 20 Minutes AM
And Recorded in Town Meeting
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Attest 
Town Clerk

Town of West Rutland - Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project

NOTICE TO VOTERS

The Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility was last upgraded in 1999. For the past 25 years, it has continued to provide excellent wastewater treatment, with the only significant update being the replacement of the UV treatment system last year.

The Town is now proposing critical upgrades and refurbishments to extend the facility's useful life for another 20 years.

Proposed Improvements:

- Complete replacement of the Facility Control Systems – allowing for more efficient system monitoring, both onsite and remotely.
- Replacement of mechanical and electrical components throughout the facility to improve efficiency and reliability.
- Structural repairs and improvements to ensure safe and continued operation.

Why is this project needed?

The Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) meets all current State and Federal standards and continues to provide excellent service. However, after 25 years without major refurbishment, many system components are outdated and require replacement to maintain reliable and efficient operations.

- Control System Upgrades – The current control systems are obsolete. Upgrading these systems will enhance efficiency, ease operational burdens, and allow future integration with the water system, enabling centralized monitoring of both wastewater and water systems.
- Long-Term Sustainability – These improvements will ensure consistent wastewater treatment, reduce maintenance challenges, and extend the facility's lifespan.

Project Benefits:

- ✓ Extends the facility's useful life by at least 20 years.
- ✓ Improves operational efficiency and reliability.
- ✓ Enhances system monitoring with upgraded controls.
- ✓ Ensures safe operation with necessary structural improvements.
- ✓ Reduces long-term maintenance and operational challenges.

Project Cost & Funding:

- Estimated Total Cost: \$2,300,000
- Funding Source: Anticipated financing through the State of Vermont's Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF).
 - 2% administrative fee over a 20-year term (extendable to 30 years).
 - Potential eligibility for loan forgiveness (to be determined).
- Estimated Annual Cost per User: \$120 (based on a 2% interest rate over 20 years, with no subsidy).

Project Timeline:

- Bond Vote: March 4, 2025
- Bidding Process: Fall 2025
- Construction Completion: Summer 2026

Who Can Vote? Any registered voter in the Town of West Rutland can vote on this question. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on March 4, 2025 at the designated polling location.

Public Information Meeting: A public meeting will be held on March 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium 35 Marble Street to provide further details and answer questions.