



**Special Joint Meeting with the School Board
Town Meeting Information Session**

Monday, March 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Milton High School Library, 17 Rebecca Lander Drive, Milton, VT 05468

In Person and/or Via Zoom

Selectboard Members Present: Michael Morgan, Vice Chair; Brenda Steady, Clerk; Leland Morgan, Member; Diane Barrows, Member

Selectboard Members Absent: Darren Adams, Chair

Town Staff Present: Chris Taylor, Town Manager; Amber N. Baker, Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director; John Bartlett, HR and Operations Director; Hannah Luman, Recreation Director; Kristin Beers, Town Clerk

School Board Members Present: Karen Stout, Chair; Jeremy Metcalf, Vice-Chair; Allison Duquette; Melinda Young; Scott O'Brien

School Board Members Absent: None

School Staff Present: Amy Rex, Superintendent; Matt Grasso, Director of Operations

Others Present: Betsy Paret; Lynda Battistoni; Jenn Taylor; Michael Taylor; Chris Mattos; Chuck Wilton; Wendy Wilton; Cathy Vadnais; Michael Child; Clem Turmel; John Sonnick; Rick Saganich; Chip Whiting; Kathy Whiting; Dakota LaFrance; Peter Lavalley; Denise Hughes; Tom Hughes; Tom Duffy; Joanne Duffy; Kim Burbo; Tara Greenfield; Joseph Duquette; Kary O'Brien Towne; Patti Olszewski (remote); April Christenson (remote); Christine Trombley Marsh (remote); Cami Tucker (remote); "Tracie – Vermont" (remote); Lonnie Poland (remote); "Kyle" (remote); Kimberly Thompson (remote)

I. Call to Order

M. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Flag Salute

M. Morgan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Morgan asked attendees to keep Selectboard Chair D. Adams and other community members serving overseas in their thoughts, noting that Chair Adams is currently participating in operations in the Middle East.

III. Agenda Review

M. Morgan outlined the meeting structure: a presentation and question-and-answer session for the Town budget followed by the same for the School District budget.

IV. FY27 Budget Presentations

Milton Town Budget Presentation

Town Manager C. Taylor and Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director A. Baker presented a video overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Town General Fund Budget.

The board discussed Article IV, regarding a proposed 1% local option tax on sales, meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms. Residents inquired about the tax burden on residents versus non-residents and the potential for the tax to be rescinded in the future.

Article V was reviewed, which proposes that all property tax payments be due by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline to ensure consistency with utility payments and to account for changes in USPS postmarking practices.

Milton Town School District Budget Presentation

School Board Chair K. Stout introduced the School Board members and the budget development process. Superintendent A. Rex and Director of Operations M. Grasso presented the proposed FY27 School Budget via video and slides. The presentation also covered Article II and Article III on the ballot. Public questions addressed staff reductions, student proficiency rates, and chronic absenteeism.

V. Adjournment

M. Morgan recessed the meeting at 7:16 p.m. until the opening of the polls on Town Meeting Day, March 3, 2026.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:

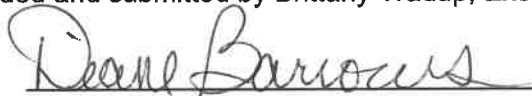
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A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:

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Minutes recorded and submitted by Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

APPROVED
MINUTES:


Selectboard Clerk

3-16-26
Date

ATTEST:


Milton Town Clerk

3/17/26
Filed this day with the Milton
Town Clerk's Office.