

Brattleboro Options 2026

Article 2: Shall Brattleboro discontinue the representative form of annual meeting?

Article 3: In the event that the vote on Article 2 is in the affirmative, shall Brattleboro vote by Australian ballot at any annual or special Town meeting on the following: 1) The election of officers of the Town; 2) The approval of the annual general fund budget; 3) All authorizations for major bonding or borrowing; 4) All public questions; and 5) Charter amendments? *(The rest of the question notes that the same wording would be added to the Brattleboro Charter.)*

Article 4: In the event that Representative Town Meeting is discontinued in the Town of Brattleboro, shall the Town vote on all budget articles and public questions by Open Town Meeting? This ballot option includes the rule that Australian ballot form of voting will be used to elect Town officers, as well as any articles required by law to be voted by Australian ballot. *(The rest of the question notes that the same wording would be added to the Brattleboro Charter.)*

If you want...

**Representative
Town Meeting
(RTM) to continue**

No on Article 2

**To discontinue
RTM and change to
Australian Ballot**

Yes on Article 2
Yes on Article 3
No on Article 4

**Open Town (OTM)
to
replace RTM?**

Yes on Article 2
No on Article 3
Yes on Article 4

- If the vote to discontinue RTM is rejected, all other options are null.
- If the vote to discontinue RTM is approved, Brattleboro would default to OTM for 2026.
- The VT Legislature must approve all charter changes, whether for Australian ballot or OTM. The votes from Article 3 (Australian Ballot) and Article 4 (OTM) would be submitted to the Legislature.

Chart prepared by Jill Stahl Tyler (RTM member for District 7). It was created in consultation with leaders of the various options being considered.