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Dear Rivendell Voters,

We need to move the Annual District Meeting from March 23, 2024, 10 AM to Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10 AM.

The issue is that we did not get paper copies of the warrant posted at the town offices, post offices, and schools in time to meet the requirements stipulated in Rivendell's Articles of Agreement. Since Rivendell's elections are overseen by Vermont's Secretary of State, we reached out to their office for guidance. They advised that our best course of action would be to cancel the improperly warned meeting and reschedule for a later date. They also informed us that we'd be able to take advantage of H.850 to cover any additional cost. We then met with the town clerks from the four Rivendell towns who all agreed that this was the right thing to do and that we should move forward as quickly as possible. The board met on March 11<sup>th</sup> and voted to cancel the meeting improperly warned for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and to reschedule it for 10 AM April 13, 2024, in accordance with VT H.850. The filing period for officer/board candidacy and petitioned articles has been reopened and will close on March 19, 2024, 5 PM. Candidates who have already filed do not need to file again.

There may be some additional benefits to the change of date. We may have news from Montpelier in response to the large number of school budgets that were voted down on Town Meeting Day. We might also know more from Concord regarding changes in the state adequacy aid. The members of Rivendell's strategic planning and multi-age classroom committees will also have more time to meet and prepare reports.

Overall, we hope our response to this unforeseen situation results in a better outcome for all. Our main goal is to ensure legally compliant elections, informed voters, and a future for Rivendell that supports our children's success in education.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this process. We acknowledge the difficulties we have experienced and wanted to make everyone aware.

Monica Austin, District Clerk

David Hooke, District Moderator