

## WARNING

The legal voters in the Annual Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Charleston Elementary School Building on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 am until all business is completed to transact the following business.

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To elect all officers as required by law.
- Article 3.** To see if the town will vote to have its taxes collected by the treasurer with a final due date of October 16, 2015, with the policy of turning over to the delinquent tax collector taxes not received by the treasurer in the town clerk's office by October 16, 2015 at 5:00 pm, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment.
- Article 4.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$859,372.98 less anticipated revenue and separately voted articles, for a net assessment of \$623,098.75, necessary to support the town's general, highway, and cemetery expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2015.
- Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Road Equipment Fund.
- Article 6.** To see if the town will vote to apply the 2014 Road Surplus of \$58,155.23 to stockpile gravel for a projected Hudson Rd improvement project.
- Article 7.** To see if the town will vote to keep the Veteran's Property Tax Exemption at the \$40,000 level.
- Article 8.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,245 to support the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department.
- Article 9.** To see if the town will vote to empower the Selectboard to consider, adopt and finance solar power technology to offset the town's municipal electricity needs if the estimated cost of establishing and maintaining such technology reduces overall electricity costs for the town over the life of the solar project.
- Article 10.** To see if the town will vote to extend the elected term of office of the town constable from one to two years, beginning with the 2015 term.
- Article 11.** To see if the town will vote to establish the town as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) district, thereby allowing individual property owners in the town to borrow and receive through the municipality financing to cover costs of energy-efficiency improvements with the understanding and assurance that the town will not bear any cost or liability in the event of individual property owner default.
- Article 12.** To see if the voters would approve a 35 MPH speed limit on Hudson Road.
- Article 13.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,791 to support the following and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same:
  - a. \$500 to Charleston Historical Society, Inc. for collecting and preserving Town history
  - b. \$1,000 to Echo Lake Milfoil Prevention Project for preserving Echo Lake as a natural


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- c. \$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for educational and conservation programs
- d. \$900 to Dailey Memorial Library for services to town residents.
- e. \$500 to Island Pond Library for services provided to residents
- f. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation for services to residents
- g. \$350 to Orleans County Historical Society for Old Stone House Museum and educational programs
- h. \$500 to the Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for supporting people with disabilities
- i. \$767 to the NVDA for planning, development and promoting resources in the 3 counties
- j. \$400 to Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont to provide services to seniors
- k. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for psychiatric and mental health services in the 3 counties
- l. \$500 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter rescue and find homes for pets
- m. \$3,000 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the Agency and the Hospice Program
- n. \$50 to support GreenUp Vermont (GreenUp Day) services to the town
- o. \$700 to Umbrella, Inc. for services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence
- p. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force to support the Dry Hydrant Program

**Article 14.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

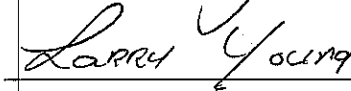
DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 29th DAY OF January, 2015



Dean Bennett



Tom Jensen



Larry Young

Selectboard, Town of Charleston