

Town of Charleston
2020 TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Charleston are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Charleston Elementary School Building on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 am to transact the following business from the floor.

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To elect all officers required by law:

- Selectboard member for a term of 3 years
- Selectboard member for 1 year remaining of a 3-year term
- Lister for a term of 3 years
- Auditor for a term of 3 years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year
- Second Constable for a term of 1 year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years
- Town Agent to serve until the next annual meeting and until a successor is chosen

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes with a final due date of Friday, October 23, 2020, with the policy of turning over to the delinquent tax collector taxes not physically received by the Treasurer in the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on October 23, 2020, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment?

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$874,043.75 for selectboard, highway, and cemetery operating expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2020, of which \$662,527.94 shall be raised by taxes and \$211,515.81 by non-tax revenue?

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to transfer the 2019 Road Surplus of \$5,820.04 to the Road Equipment reserve fund?

Article 6. Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,179.96 to the Road Equipment reserve fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$12,574 to the following organizations, which received appropriations of the same amount in 2019, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

- a. \$500 to Charleston Historical Society for support of the museum and collection
- b. \$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association for milfoil prevention programs
- c. \$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services
- d. \$1,100 to Dailey Memorial Library for services to residents
- e. \$700 to Island Pond Library for services to residents
- f. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation for transportation services to residents
- g. \$500 to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy for mentoring individuals with

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developmental disabilities

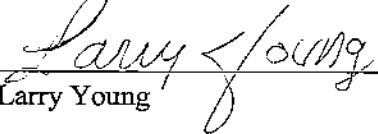
- h. \$200 to Orleans County Child Advocacy for the Special Investigations Unit serving child victims of violence
- i. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging for services to elder and disabled Vermonters
- j. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services to residents
- k. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for care of unwanted pets
- l. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice for community nursing and health programs
- m. \$50 to GreenUp Vermont for the statewide cleanup event and bags
- n. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Dry Hydrant Program
- o. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids for performances for local students
- p. \$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims

Article 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 23rd DAY OF January, 2020



Peter Moskovites, Chair



Larry Young

Selectboard, Town of Charleston

NOTICE TO VOTERS
Charleston Annual Town Meeting - March 3, 2020
Local Election - Floor Vote

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by **February 2, 2020**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

ON MEETING DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)