

WARNING
CHARLESTON ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Charleston, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that a local election will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to vote for candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following questions, with all business transacted by Australian ballot. The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place is located at the Charleston Town Clerk's Office, 5063 VT Route 105 in Charleston.

OFFICES:

Town Moderator	First Constable	School Director (1yr)
Selectperson	Second Constable	School Treasurer
Town Lister	Cemetery Commissioner (5yr)	North Country High School Dir.
Town Auditor	Cemetery Commissioner (3yr)	
Delinquent Tax Collector	School Director (3yr)	

SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES:

- Article 5:** Shall the voters of the School District approve the school board to expend \$2,252,454.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,193.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.52% lower than spending in the current year.
- Article 6:** Shall the voters of the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to make repairs and improvements to the Charleston Elementary School property in preparation for, and the purchase of, a two classroom modular building, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00, to be financed over a period of ten (10) years, subject to reduction by any available construction aid and grants received?

TOWN ARTICLES

- Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes with a final due date of Friday, October 22, 2021, 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 22, 2021, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment?
- Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$868,076.14 for Selectboard, highway, and cemetery operating expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2021, of which \$648,895.01 shall be raised by taxes and \$219,181.13 by non-tax revenue?
- Article 5** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to expend \$50,000 of the 2020 Highway Surplus of \$128,978.19 to repave and upgrade Center School Road?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to transfer \$78,978.19 of the 2020 Highway Surplus of \$128,978.19 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?

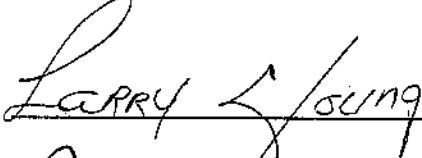
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Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$12,374.00 to the following organizations, which received appropriations of the same amount in 2020, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

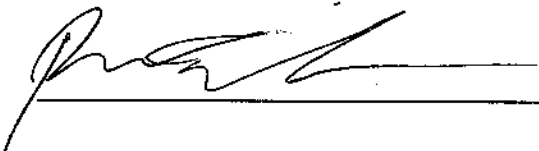
- a. \$500 to Charleston Historical Society for support of the museum and collection
- b. \$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association for milfoil prevention programs
- c. \$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services
- d. \$1,100 to Dailey Memorial Library for services 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 developmental disabilities
- h. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging for services to elder and disabled Vermonters
- i. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services to residents
- j. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for care of unwanted pets
- k. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice for community nursing and health programs
- l. \$50 to GreenUp Vermont for the statewide cleanup event and bags
- m. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Dry Hydrant Program
- n. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids for performances for local students
- o. \$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021

By the Selectboard members of the Town of
Charleston:







By the School board members of the Town of
Charleston:

