

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
CHARLESTON, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 1 year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>JEAN WILSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST CONSTABLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 2 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 3 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MARY ESPOSITO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTPERSON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 3 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>PATRICK AUSTIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECOND CONSTABLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 1 year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>SARAH JENNESS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 1 year remaining of a 3-year term MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>SARAH E. JENNESS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN LISTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 3 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>JEAN WILSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 5 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>DARALD MOULTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL TREASURER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 1 year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>TERI L. GRAY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 3 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MICHAEL MORELLI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 3 years remaining of a 5-year term MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MAURICE "MO" CERUTTI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NORTH COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 3 years MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>PETER MOSKOVITES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR NOT 1 year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>GRACE FRIZZELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>		

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. YES
NO

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? YES
NO

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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? **YES**
NO

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? **YES**
NO

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? **YES**
NO

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? **YES**
NO

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? **YES**
NO

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

YES
NO

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