

# TOWN OF CHARLESTON / CHARLESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

### NOTICE and AGENDA

The Selectboard and Board of School Directors for the Town of Charleston will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on **March 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm** to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Town & School District Meeting Warning.

#### How to access the remote hearing:

- By telephone: Dial 877-853-5247. When prompted enter the meeting ID: 836 2978 0134 and passcode: 825868. (Alternate phone numbers: 888-788-0099, 833-548-0276, 833-548-0282)
- By computer: Visit Zoom.us or open the Zoom app and click 'Join a Meeting.' When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 836 2978 0134, and Passcode: 825868

Comments and questions may be submitted in advance by calling the Town Office 895-2814 or emailing [townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net](mailto:townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net).

### AGENDA

- 6:00 pm: Call to Order by Selectboard and School Board
- 6:02 pm: Overview of comment process and attendee controls
- 6:06 pm: Additions or deletions to the agenda
  - o Public comment
- 6:10 pm: Review and discuss **School 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.**
  - o Public comment
- 6:20 pm: Review and discuss **School 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?**
  - o Public comment
- 6:30 pm: Review and discuss **Town 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?**
  - o Public comment
- 6:40 pm: Review and discuss **Town 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?**

- o Public comment
- **6:50 pm: Review and discuss **Town 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?****
  - o Public comment
- **7:00 pm: Review and discuss **Town 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?****
  - o Public comment
- **7:10 pm: Review and discuss **Town 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?****
  - o Public comment
- **7:20 pm: Review and discuss **Town 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?****
  - o **\$500 to Charleston Historical Society for support of the museum and collection**
  - o **\$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association for milfoil prevention programs**
  - o **\$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services**
  - o **\$1,100 to Dailey Memorial Library for services to residents**
  - o **\$700 to Island Pond Library for services to residents**
  - o **\$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation for transportation services to residents**
  - o **\$500 to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy for mentoring individuals with developmental disabilities**
  - o **\$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging for services to elder and disabled Vermonters**
  - o **\$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services to residents**
  - o **\$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for care of unwanted pets**
  - o **\$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice for community nursing and health programs**
  - o **\$50 to GreenUp Vermont for the statewide cleanup event and bags**
  - o **\$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**
  - o **\$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims**  
(Public comment)
- **7:30 pm: Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)**
- **7:40 pm: Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.**