

## Town of Charleston – 2024 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 5, 2024 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
- 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
- North Country Union High School Director for a term of 3 years

**Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes with a final due date of Friday, October 25, 2024, 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 25, 2024, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$1,223,388.48 for selectboard, highway, and cemetery operating expenses for the year beginning January 1, 2024, of which \$753,462.66 shall be raised by taxes and \$469,925.82 by non-tax revenue?

**Article 5.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$55,609.00 to the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Cemetery Stone Preservation Fund to be used for cleaning and repair of gravestones, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

**Article 7.** Shall the town deposit into the Cemetery Stone Preservation Fund a set portion of the proceeds from the sale of each cemetery lot to be determined annually by vote of the Cemetery Commission?

**Article 8** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$11,274 to the following organizations, which received appropriations of the same amount in 2023, 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

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- c. \$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services
- d. \$700 to Island Pond Library for services to residents
- e. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation for transportation services to residents
- f. \$500 to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy for mentoring individuals with developmental disabilities
- g. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging for services to elder and disabled Vermonters
- h. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services to residents
- i. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for care of unwanted pets
- j. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice for community nursing and health programs
- k. \$50 to GreenUp Vermont for the statewide cleanup event and bags
- l. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Dry Hydrant Program
- m. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids for performances for local students
- n. \$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims

**Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to the Dailey Memorial Library, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

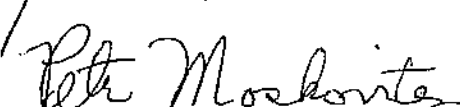
**Article 10.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 25th DAY OF January, 2024



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Patrick Austin, Chair



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Peter Moskovites, Vice Chair



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Selectboard, Town of Charleston