



# CHARLESTON VERMONT

*Annual  
Town Report*  
for the year ending  
December 31st, 2024

**TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 4, 2025**  
**CHARLESTON ELEMENTARY**

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*Please bring your town report.*

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Charleston Elementary School.....802-895-2915  
Animal Control Officer & Town Health Officer.....802-995-3234  
Town Fire Warden (Burn permits).....802-723-4549  
State Police Barracks, Derby.....802-334-8881  
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.....802-334-3333  
***Fire, Ambulance, Police.....911***

## Selectboard

Meetings are held at the Town Clerk's Office on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 pm. Open to the public. Minutes are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's and at [www.charlestonvt.org](http://www.charlestonvt.org). Business may be brought to the Selectboard at a meeting or by submitting written comments via the Town Clerk.

## Planning Commission

Meetings are held quarterly at the Town Clerk's Office at 5:30pm.  
2025 schedule: March 13, June 12, September 11, and December 11.  
Business may be brought to the Planning Commission at a meeting or by submitting written comments via the Town Clerk.

## Public Posting Locations

Notices and agendas for regular and special meetings, elections and the like are posted at the Town Clerk's Office, East & West Charleston Post Offices, Charleston Elementary, West Charleston Corner Store, and [charlestonvt.org](http://charlestonvt.org)

# Town of Charleston, VT Annual Report 2024

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## Town Officers

ELECTED POSITION	TERM	OFFICER	EXPIRES
Moderator	1 Yr	Jean Wilson	2025
Town Clerk & Treasurer	3 Yrs	Teri Gray	2025
Selectboard	3 Yrs	Peter Moskovites	2025
		Timothy Jenness	2026
		Terry Rollins	2027
Listers	3 Yrs	Jean Wilson	2027
		Steve Wilson	2025
		<i>open seat</i>	2026
Town Auditors	3 Yrs	Michael Morelli	2027
		Diana Marckwardt	2025
		Janice Bowen	2026
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 Yr	Grace Frizzell	2025
First Constable	2 Yrs	Michael Tynio	2025
Second Constable	1 Yr	Natasha 'Any' Tynio	2025
Cemetery Commissioners	5 Yrs	Darald Moulton	2026
		Martin Davis	2027
		Grace Frizzell	2029
		Janice Bowen	2028
		Sherman Allen, Jr.	2025
School Directors	3 Yrs	Mary Esposito	2027
		Sarah Jenness	2025
		Ryan Besaw	2026
N.C.U.H.S. Director	3 Yrs	Mary Esposito	2027
<b>ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>EXPIRES</b>
Justices of the Peace	2 Yrs	Benjamin Applegate	1/31/2027
		Carolyn Hannan	1/31/2027
		Samantha Stevens	1/31/2027
		Jean Wilson	1/31/2027
		Amy Wagner	1/31/2027

## Town Officers cont.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Road Commissioner	Peter Moskovites, Timothy Jenness, Terry Rollins
Road Foreman	Wendell Hastings
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer	Colleen Kellogg
Town Fire Warden	Blair Moulton
Tree Warden	Justin Taft
Fence Viewers	Blair Moulton Darald Moulton <i>(open seat)</i>
Animal Control Officer/ Poundkeeper	Sarah Jenness
Surveyor of Wood & Coal	Michael Currie
Health Officer	Sarah Jenness
911 Coordinator	Jean Wilson
NVDA Representative	Michael Gonyaw
NEKWMD Representative	Patrick Austin
Planning Commission	John Kellogg, Chair Blair Moulton, Clerk Hap Eliason Eleanor Leger Thomas Wagner
Community Solar Oversight Committee	Hap Eliason, Tom Jensen, Colleen Kellogg, Diana Marckwardt, Terry Rollins
Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee	Patrick Austin, Laurie Gee, Teri Gray, Mark Hinton, John Kellogg, Christopher Lawson, Phil Marquette, Patrick McLaughlin, Bruce Melendy, Duane Moulton, Peter Moskovites, Wendell Hastings, Maria Young, Tom Wagner, Mary Esposito, Tim Jenness, Terry Rollins

# Important Dates

## 2025

- 1/20 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/17 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/22 2024 Town Reports available
- 3/4 Town & School District Annual Meeting, 10:00 am at Charleston Elementary
- 4/1 Vermont Deadline to License Dogs w/o late penalty
- 4/15 Deadline: VT Income Tax Return, Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment Claim (3% penalty for late filing)
- 5/1 Deadline to apply to VT Office of Veterans Affairs for property tax exemption
- 5/3 GreenUp Day, drop off bags at Town Office
- 5/26 Memorial Day – Town Office Closed
- 7/3 Town Office Closed for Independence Day
- 8/1 2025 Property Tax Bills mailed (approximate)
- 9/1 Labor Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/13 Indigenous Peoples Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/22 Town Office OPEN 8-3 for payment of property taxes
- 10/24 Property Tax payments due to Town Clerk by 5 pm, (Office OPEN 8-5)
- 11/27 Thanksgiving – Town Office Closed – NO Selectboard Mtg
- 12/25 Christmas – Town Office Closed

## 2026

- 1/1 Town Office Closed
- 1/19 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/16 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 3/3 2026 Town Meeting

## Town Clerk Services

**Dog Licenses:** Licenses are available by Feb 1st of each year, and ALL dogs must be licensed by April 1st. Fee is \$11.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15.00 for intact dogs. Must present certificate of current rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter. Late fees apply after April 1st. To license by mail, print the form online at <https://bit.ly/4gYPLah>

**Green Mountain Passports:** Persons 62 or older are eligible to apply for a Green Mountain Passport, which provides free admission to Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites. Contact the office for further information.

**Land Posting:** If you wish to post your land you must file a form at the Clerk's office annually for a cost of \$5.00. If you post your land for the first time in March, your posting expires the following March, and you must file a new form. Guidelines for "legal posting" are available with sign location and size.

**Land and Historical Records:** Property and other official records are available for self-service viewing during normal business hours. If you require assistance, please call ahead.

**Marriage Licenses:** Marriage licenses can be issued up to 60 days prior to the event for a fee of \$80, plus \$10 for your own copy. For questions about getting married in Vermont, contact Dept. of Health at 802-863-7200 or 800-439-5008.

**Notary:** Notary services are available to Charleston taxpayers and residents at no cost. Please call ahead.

**Property Tax Payments:** The Clerk will accept tax payments in person or by mail up to the 5:00pm October 24, 2025 deadline. At that time, unpaid taxes are placed in the hands of the delinquent tax collector, subject to penalties. Please note that post markings are not acceptable as payable dates.

**Recording:** Documents for recording in the Charleston Land Records can be mailed or presented in person along with the \$15 per page fee. \$25 for plat maps.

**Vital Records:** Certified copies of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates are available for \$10 each. An application must be filled out to obtain certified copies of a birth or death certificate.

Teri Gray, Town Clerk & Treasurer

# Town Meeting & Voter Registration

## 2025 Charleston Elections

### Town & School District Annual Meeting, March 4th

Charleston Elementary School, 255 Center School Rd, 10:00 am until all business is concluded. All offices and articles are voted from the floor. Local ballot voting for North Country Union High School District will continue at the School until 7:00 pm.

Charleston residents and property owners who are not registered voters are encouraged to attend Town Meeting, however, you may not vote on any measure. Non-voters may not comment on any business unless they are given permission by a majority of voters present.

### Register to Vote

Applicants must register to vote in the town where they currently reside. Eligible residents can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office on any day up to and including Election Day during open hours.

You may also register to vote online at [olvr.vermont.gov](https://olvr.vermont.gov)

### First Time Registering by Mail or Online

If you are registering to vote in Vermont for the first time by mail or online, you must include a scan or photocopy of an acceptable form of ID. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license or passport)
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Another government document containing your residential address

Once you are registered to vote, you may update your information, request an absentee ballot, or print a voter registration certificate online at My Voter Page [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us)

### Am I eligible to register to vote?

To be eligible to vote in Vermont you must: (Eligibility requirements are in 17 V.S.A. § 2121, 2122)

1. be a citizen of the United States;
2. be a resident of Vermont and a resident of the town in which you apply to be added to the checklist; (OR be a military or overseas voter qualified under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act whose last place of residence in the United States immediately prior to moving overseas was in a Vermont town or city);
3. take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath; and
4. be 18 years of age or older or will be 18 on or before the day of election.



## Highway Right-of-Way (ROW) & Policies

**The Town's ROW.** Vermont law gives towns a legal maintenance right-of-way (ROW) on all Town highways, which extends 24.75 feet in either direction from the center of the road. Within the ROW, the Town has the authority to perform maintenance like ditching, cutting trees, and altering the roadbed as needed. State law also specifies that items are placed in the ROW at the owner's risk, and the Town assumes no responsibility for damage to these items—this includes mailboxes.

**State Mandates.** The Town is obligated to maintain road drainage networks—road crown, ditches, and culverts—according to state standards. Proper drainage means fewer washouts, fewer costly repairs over time, and less road pollution and sediment in our waterways. The Selectboard has adopted the following policies to make sure the Town highway department can perform needed maintenance.

**Driveway Culvert Policy:** It is the responsibility of a property owner to buy, install, and maintain driveway culverts. For ANY driveway entering a town highway, property owners must consult with the Road Foreman, who will determine the required culvert specifications (never smaller than 15 inches in diameter per state standards). If a property owner fails to install the appropriately sized culvert, the town highway crew may cut a ditch across the driveway to maintain proper road drainage. (*adopted June 11, 2015*)

**ROW Fencing Policy:** Fencing in the Town ROW is installed at the owner's risk. Fencing installed in the ROW, or which blocks access to the ROW, must be removed upon request of the Road Foreman for maintenance and construction projects. In such cases, the Road Foreman will notify the property owner of the deadline to remove fencing. If fencing is not removed, it will be removed by the highway crew or contractor, and the Town is not responsible for damage incurred. Owners are responsible for reinstalling fencing and must install it outside of the ROW. The Town cannot take responsibility for damage caused by necessary snow-plowing, so it is strongly recommended that fences be taken down before winter. (*adopted 12/14/2017*)

**Policy on Utilities in the ROW:** Any cable or utilities installed under the road or within the Town's highway ROW must be buried at a minimum depth of four feet below the level of the road and ditch to allow the highway crew to perform routine ditching and culvert replacement without interrupting residents' services. Keep in mind that 'Dig Safe' does not detect low voltage cables, like telephone and television cables. (*adopted 12/14/2017*)

**No Plowing of Snow Across Highways.** State law prohibits plowing, blowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a Town or state highway. It also gives Towns authority to levy fines and penalties, and to hold violators liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of this snow. By law, the actual cost for the specific equipment and manpower used to remove this snow may be charged to the private property owners, with a minimum charge of one hour per Road Department personnel and equipment.

**WINTER SAND:** The Selectboard currently permits residents to fill a 5-gallon bucket or two from the small sand pile near 105 for deicing your driveway. Please bring bucket(s) and a shovel. For safety, please keep off the road department sand pile behind the garage. Use of sand for any commercial purpose is prohibited.

# Charleston Community Solar

In its sixth full year of operation, the Charleston Community Solar array generated 108.48 MWh and a total of \$22,374.31 in credits toward VEC accounts for the School, Fire Department, Streetlights, Town Office and Garage. To track array production, visit [charlestonvt.org](http://charlestonvt.org), and select 'Departments' then 'Community Solar.'

Year	Electricity Produced	Credits Generated
2018 (July - Dec)	63.042 MWh	\$11,358.95
2019	104.106 MWh	\$19,377.57
2020	110.159 MWh	\$20,814.93
2021	96.300 MWh	\$19,098.38
2022	112.253 MWh	\$21,452.57
2023	102.16 MWh	\$20,322.35
2024	108.48 MWh	\$22,374.31

## Recycling & Composting Options

The Town of Charleston does not provide curbside rubbish or recycling pickup. Please contact your trash hauler about recycling services in your area.

Local rubbish haulers include: Casella 802-895-4889, Myers 802-655-4312, or see [nekwmd.org](http://nekwmd.org) for a list of licensed haulers. Food scraps CANNOT go in the trash.

Charleston residents can drop off recycling and food scraps at local facilities:

- **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, Lyndonville, 802-626-3532**

Charleston is a NEKWMD member town. Sorted recycling and food scraps can be dropped off at the Lyndonville facility, 224 Church Street, on Wednesday from 8am – 4pm and Saturday from 8 am – 3 pm. Detailed sorting guidelines and home composting resources available from NEKWMD, online at [nekwmd.org](http://nekwmd.org).

- **Casella Waste, Coventry, 802-334-8300**

Zero-sort recycling, food scraps, and household trash can be dropped off during residential hours for a fee. List of accepted and prohibited items available from Casella. Hours are M–F 7 am – 3:30 pm, Sat 8–11:30 am.

# DOG LICENSES - IT'S THE LAW!

Avoid late fees by licensing your dog on or before April 1st

All dogs must be licensed in their town every year per state law. Dog licenses expire April 1st of each year. Please make sure your dog has a current rabies vaccination and certificate signed by a veterinarian. To license by mail, print the form online at <https://bit.ly/4gYPLah>

## NEW License fees for 2025:

- Spayed or Neutered dogs are \$11.00 on or before April 1st;
- Dogs not spayed or neutered are \$15.00 on or before April 1st.

## 2024 Dog Licenses Sold (133 dogs were licensed in 2024)

By April 1	Cost	Qty	Total Fees
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	9.00	65	585.00
Intact Dogs	13.00	29	377.00
Kennel License (up to 10 dogs)	56.00	1	56.00
Kennel License (extra dog)	3.00	2	6.00

## After April 1

Spayed/Neutered Dogs	11.00	18	198.00
Intact Dogs	17.00	4	68.00
New Neutered Dogs	9.00	2	18.00
New Intact Dogs	13.00	3	39.00

## Total Due for Dog Licenses

**\$1,347.00**

## Total Collected

Town License Fees	741.00
State License Fees	606.00

## Total Dog Fees Collected

**\$1,347.00**

## Pet Dealers

A breeder/kennel selling 3 or more litters per year is required to obtain a Pet Dealer permit.

## Charleston Dog Ordinance

A Town Dog Ordinance authorizes the Constable/Animal Control Officer to issue tickets and fines for failing to license, for having a dog running at large (on any street, school property, or on any land owned, used or occupied by another), or for otherwise allowing a dog to be a nuisance to others. These range from \$100 for a first offense up to \$500 with impoundment of the dog for repeat offenses. The full text of the Dog Ordinance can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

# 2024 Vital Statistics

## Births



Colton O'Keefe to Katherine Morey and Jason O'Keefe	January 2024
Charlotte Williams to Gillian Perron and Aaron Williams	March 2024
Pepper Fortin to Alexa and Tyler Fortin	April 2024
Isabelle Sanville to Caitlin and Joshua Sanville	May 2024
Leonard May to Adrienne Lacroix and Dustin May	May 2024
Matilda Watson to Kristen and Skyler Watson	June 2024
Huxley Dagesse to Maria and Taylor Dagesse	June 2024
Mattie Miller to Barbara Shetler and Noah Miller	July 2024
Flynn Prive to Deianaira and Nicholas Prive	August 2024
Anna Miller to Lydia and Levi Miller	August 2024
Harlea Martin to Abigail Sheltra and Justan Martin	August 2024
Callahan Crowe to Paige and Cody Crowe	September 2024

## Civil Marriages



Christopher Powers to Gloria Judd	May 2024
Quinn Connell to Rebecca Wilson	July 2024
Isabella Navin to Jacob Hunt	July 2024
Sara Begin to Michael Rice	July 2024
Jacey Gray to Micah Murray	August 2024

## Deaths



Kim Maxham	age 64	January 2024
Stephen Paxton	age 85	February 2024
Rudolph Gratton	age 88	March 2024
Marcelle Gosselin	age 97	March 2024
Evelyn Bowen	age 94	March 2024
Pauline Bennett	age 93	April 2024
Larry Young	age 77	May 2024
Robert Cleverdon	age 79	May 2024
Pamela Helenek	age 75	July 2024
Byron Fish	age 83	July 2024
Thomas Worth	age 83	August 2024
Michael Bennett	age 60	August 2024
Michael McFarland	age 41	October 2024
John Westinghouse	age 81	October 2024
Donald Thomas	age 89	November 2024
George Geoffroy	age 73	December 2024

# 2025 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 4, 2025, 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:

- Town Clerk & Treasurer for a term of 3 years
- Selectboard member for a term of 3 years
- Lister for a term of 3 years
- Lister to serve 2 years remaining in a 3-year term
- Auditor for a term of 3 years
- First Constable for a term of 2 years
- Second Constable for a term of 1 year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years

**Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Delinquent Tax Collector to be compensated hourly, with delinquent tax penalties retained as revenue to the Town?

**Article 4.** To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.  
*(To be passed over if Article 3 is passed)*

**Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes with a final due date of Friday, October 24, 2025, 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 24, 2025, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$999,320.90 for selectboard, highway, and cemetery operating expenses for the year beginning January 1, 2025, of which \$758,203.02 shall be raised by taxes and \$241,117.88 by non-tax revenue?

**Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to transfer the 2024 Road Surplus of \$26,798.68 to the Road Equipment Reserve Fund?

**Article 8.** 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 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$11,174 to the following organizations, which received appropriations of the same amount in 2024, 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

# 2025 Town Meeting Warning

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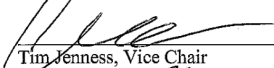
- b.** \$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association for milfoil prevention programs
- c.** \$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services
- d.** \$700 to Island Pond Library for services to residents
- e.** \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation for transportation services 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 Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids for performances for local students
- m.** \$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims

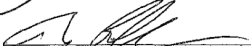
**Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,350 to the Dailey Memorial Library, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

**Article 11.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 23rd DAY OF January 2025

  
Peter Moskovites, Chair

  
Tim Jenness, Vice Chair

  
Terry Rollins

Selectboard, Town of Charleston

# 2025 Proposed Town Budget

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>00-6-10 Tax Revenues</b>			
00-6-10.05 Current Property Taxes	165,590.02	153,948.27	173,559.52
00-6-10.15 Land Use/Hold Harmless	100,000.00	101,037.00	106,000.00
00-6-10.18 Delinquent Taxes	0.00	60,339.13	0.00
00-6-10.19 Delinquent Taxes Interest	0.00	3,144.23	0.00
00-6-10.20 PILOT Taxes	1,200.00	1,196.37	1,200.00
00-6-10.23 Tax Overpays	0.00	12,210.48	0.00
00-6-10.30 Tax Collector Fees	0.00	4,824.50	0.00
00-6-10.31 Tax Sale Legal Fees	0.00	2,020.13	0.00
00-6-10.32 Tax Sale Overage	0.00	30,680.84	0.00
<b>Total Tax Revenues</b>	<b>266,790.02</b>	<b>369,400.95</b>	<b>280,759.52</b>
<b>00-6-20 Permits Revenues</b>			
00-6-20.05 2nd Class Liquor Lic.	140.00	70.00	70.00
00-6-20.10 Marriage Licenses (State)	260.00	325.00	260.00
00-6-20.15 Marriage License (Town)	60.00	75.00	60.00
00-6-20.20 Dog Licenses	800.00	741.00	800.00
00-6-20.25 Dog License Fees	640.00	606.00	896.00
<b>Total Permits Revenues</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>	<b>1,817.00</b>	<b>2,086.00</b>
<b>00-6-40 Fees &amp; Other Revenues</b>			
00-6-40.05 School Department	3,750.00	3,750.00	5,000.00
00-6-40.10 Town Clerk Fees	9,000.00	8,069.00	8,000.00
00-6-40.15 Records Preservation Fee	2,400.00	2,368.00	2,300.00
00-6-40.20 Interest, Checking Acct.	1,500.00	3,644.44	1,500.00
00-6-40.35 Insurance Returns	0.00	0.00	0.00
00-6-40.62 Prev. Year School Tax Adjust.	0.00	27,667.68	0.00
00-6-40.80 DMV renewals	15.00	15.00	15.00
00-6-40.85 Reappraisal Fund	0.00	7,248.50	0.00
00-6-40.89 ARPA	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
00-6-40.90 Clerk Grants	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
00-6-40.91 Aquatic Nuisance (Echo)	0.00	0.00	0.00
00-6-40.92 Water Quality Grant (Echo)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
00-6-40.97 Net Metering	13,000.00	15,831.98	13,000.00
00-6-40.99 Misc. Fee Receipts	0.00	1,955.33	0.00
<b>Total Fees &amp; Other Revenues</b>	<b>44,665.00</b>	<b>95,549.93</b>	<b>29,815.00</b>

## 2025 Proposed Town Budget cont.

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>00-6-50 Road Dept Revenues</b>			
00-6-50.10 State Aid, Highways	97,708.44	99,513.20	99,416.88
00-6-50.17 Better Roads Grant	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
00-6-50.20 Special Highway Grants	12,000.00	21,500.00	0.00
00-6-50.21 FEMA DR4720	0.00	276,030.77	0.00
00-6-50.35 Taxes for Roads	575,472.64	575,472.64	571,037.50
00-6-50.38 ARPA Funds as Revenue	210,750.38	0.00	0.00
00-6-50.99 Misc. Road Receipts	0.00	16,983.08	0.00
<b>Total Road Revenues</b>	<b>895,931.46</b>	<b>1,009,499.69</b>	<b>670,454.38</b>
<b>00-6-60 Cemetery Revenues</b>			
00-6-60.10 Sale of Lots	0.00	576.00	0.00
00-6-60.15 Interest	1,652.00	3,133.02	2,550.00
00-6-60.20 Dividends (Dominion)	50.00	48.08	50.00
00-6-60.25 Perpetual Care	0.00	340.00	0.00
00-6-60.27 Stone Pres. Fund	0.00	384.00	0.00
00-6-60.30 Posts	0.00	400.00	0.00
00-6-60.37 Taxes for Cemetery	12,400.00	12,400.00	13,606.00
<b>Total Cemetery Revenues</b>	<b>14,102.00</b>	<b>17,281.10</b>	<b>16,206.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,223,388.48</b>	<b>1,493,548.67</b>	<b>999,320.90</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>05-7 Selectboard</b>			
05-7-10.00 Salaries	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
05-7-12.00 Social Sec. Exp. Board	223.20	223.20	223.20
05-7-13.00 Med exp. Board	52.20	52.20	52.20
05-7-14.00 Child Care Exp Board	0.00	31.68	31.68
05-7-19.00 Training/Workshops	0.00	25.00	25.00
05-7-20.00 Advertising & Printing	2,000.00	1,183.79	2,000.00
05-7-26.00 Legal Services	1,500.00	40.00	1,500.00
05-7-31.00 Water Quality Expenditure	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
05-7-55.00 Planning Commission	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
05-7-89.00 ARPA Expense	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
05-7-99.00 Misc. Select Board Expense	500.00	0.00	475.00
<b>Total Selectboard</b>	<b>24,875.40</b>	<b>25,155.87</b>	<b>8,907.08</b>



## 2025 Proposed Town Budget cont.

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>10-7 Election Unit</b>			
10-7-10.10 Election Officers	100.00	0.00	100.00
10-7-12.00 Election Officers SS	6.20	0.00	6.20
10-7-13.00 Election Officers Medi	1.45	0.00	1.45
10-7-14.00 Child Care Exp	0.00	0.00	0.44
10-7-21.00 Election Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Election Unit</b>	<b>1,107.65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>608.09</b>
<b>15-7 Finance Department</b>			
10-15-7-10.00 Clerk/Treasurer Salary	46,062.64	48,430.54	48,000.00
10-15-7-10.05 Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	27,518.40	29,339.10	30,600.00
10-15-7-10.10 Auditors Wages	1,000.00	450.00	1,000.00
10-15-7-10.20 Health Officer	600.00	164.00	300.00
10-15-7-10.25 Fire Warden	200.00	200.00	200.00
10-15-7-12.00 Social Security Expense	4,675.00	4,872.20	4,966.20
10-15-7-13.00 Medicare Expense	1,093.00	1,139.46	1,161.45
10-15-7-13.50 Child Care Expense	0.00	202.58	576.84
10-15-7-14.00 Retirement Expense	11,068.00	11,567.37	12,325.44
10-15-7-16.00 Workers Compensation Ins.	13,866.00	14,173.00	14,611.12
10-15-7-17.00 Mileage, Clerk & Asst.	1,200.00	1,064.25	1,200.00
10-15-7-18.00 Health Insurance	8,990.52	9,368.27	11,122.32
10-15-7-19.00 Training/Workshops/Dues	1,350.00	978.00	1,350.00
10-15-7-21.00 Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,975.64	2,000.00
10-15-7-22.00 Postage	1,800.00	1,811.07	1,800.00
10-15-7-23.00 Telephone	1,500.00	1,591.85	1,600.00
10-15-7-24.00 Office Equipment/Repairs	900.00	4,194.00	900.00
10-15-7-24.50 Records Preservation	1,000.00	0.00	750.00
10-15-7-25.00 Computer, Website, Support	8,400.00	7,108.51	8,400.00
10-15-7-30.00 Commercial Insurance Pkg	16,555.00	16,697.00	15,787.60
10-15-7-98.00 Tax Refunds	0.00	12,207.60	0.00
10-15-7-99.00 Misc. Finance Dept Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Finance Dept</b>	<b>149,778.56</b>	<b>167,534.44</b>	<b>158,650.97</b>

## 2025 Proposed Town Budget cont.

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>17-7 Listers</b>			
17-7-10.00 Listers Salaries	8,000.00	4,381.00	6,000.00
17-7-12.00 Soc. Sec.Exp. Listers	496.00	271.62	372.00
17-7-13.00 Medi. Exp. Listers	116.00	63.53	87.00
17-7-14.00 Child Care Exp Listers	0.00	9.11	26.40
17-7-17.00 Listers Mileage	300.00	123.80	300.00
17-7-19.00 Listers Professional Devel.	200.00	0.00	200.00
17-7-20.00 Listers postage	200.00	200.25	200.00
17-7-21.10 Listers Supplies & Equipment	200.00	0.00	200.00
17-7-22.00 BCA Tax appeals/abatement	100.00	0.00	100.00
17-7-23.00 Computer support/maps	1,500.00	851.51	3,500.00
17-7-25.00 Reappraisal Expenses	0.00	7,248.50	0.00
<b>Total Listers</b>	<b>11,112.00</b>	<b>13,149.32</b>	<b>10,985.40</b>
<b>20-7 Delinquent Tax Collector</b>			
20-7-10.00 Tax Collector Wages	3,583.41	4,824.50	3,453.54
20-7-12.00 Soc Sec Expense Tax Coll	222.00	299.11	214.12
20-7-13.00 Medi. Exp. Tax Coll.	52.00	69.96	50.08
20-7-14.00 Child Care Exp Tax Coll.	0.00	8.54	15.20
20-7-17.00 Mileage/expenses, Del Col	75.00	73.00	75.00
20-7-18.00 Tax Sale Legal Fees	0.00	2,020.14	0.00
20-7-19.00 Tax Sale Reimbursement	0.00	28,280.00	0.00
<b>Total Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	<b>3,932.41</b>	<b>35,575.25</b>	<b>3,807.93</b>
<b>30-7 Plant (Town Office)</b>			
30-7-21.00 Janitor & Supplies	850.00	355.45	850.00
30-7-22.00 Grounds Maintenance	650.00	650.00	650.00
30-7-28.00 Repairs & Upkeep	3,000.00	1,172.80	3,000.00
30-7-30.00 Community Solar	21,100.00	21,129.58	21,100.00
30-7-32.00 Electricity	2,000.00	2,499.17	2,800.00
<b>Total Plant (Town Office)</b>	<b>27,600.00</b>	<b>25,807.00</b>	<b>28,400.00</b>

## 2025 Proposed Town Budget cont.

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>35-7 Public Safety</b>			
10-35-7-10.00 Law Enforcement Salary	500.00	0.00	500.00
10-35-7-11.00 Animal Control Salary	5,500.00	2,820.00	4,000.00
10-35-7-12.00 Public Safety Soc. Sec	372.00	174.83	279.00
10-35-7-13.00 Public Safety Medi	87.00	40.88	65.25
10-35-7-14.00 Public Safety Child Care	0.00	6.28	19.80
10-35-7-16.00 Public Safety Mileage	1,400.00	409.39	700.00
10-35-7-17.00 Public Safety Telephone	530.00	528.48	530.00
10-35-7-25.00 911 Road Signs	1,000.00	1,547.03	1,000.00
10-35-7-32.00 Street Lights	1,700.00	1,892.32	2,000.00
10-35-7-34.00 Ambulance Service	56,227.00	59,982.00	63,707.00
10-35-7-44.00 Solid Waste/Recycling	1,185.00	1,184.36	1,200.00
10-35-7-99.00 Misc. Public Safety	700.00	0.00	400.00
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>69,201.00</b>	<b>68,585.57</b>	<b>74,401.05</b>
<b>45-7 Assessments</b>			
45-7-54.00 County Tax	20,000.00	19,411.70	20,500.00
45-7-56.00 Westmore (Town Farm) Tax	170.00	158.68	170.00
45-7-57.00 Barton pit tax	2,200.00	2,424.52	2,500.00
45-7-58.00 VLCT dues	2,478.00	2,519.00	2,574.00
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>24,848.00</b>	<b>24,513.90</b>	<b>25,744.00</b>
<b>48-7 Fees Expenses</b>			
48-7-36.00 Marriage License (State)	260.00	325.00	260.00
48-7-38.00 Dog License Fees	640.00	606.00	896.00
<b>Total Fees Expenses</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>931.00</b>	<b>1,156.00</b>
<b>Total Selectboard</b>	<b>313,355.02</b>	<b>361,252.35</b>	<b>312,660.52</b>

## 2025 Proposed Town Budget cont.

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>50-7 Highway Department</b>			
10-50-7-10.00 Wages	200,000.00	175,957.57	230,000.00
10-50-7-10.05 Road Admin	9,172.80	10,231.20	10,200.00
10-50-7-11.00 Road Commissioner	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
10-50-7-11.50 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
10-50-7-12.00 Social Security Expense	13,191.91	11,975.57	15,115.60
10-50-7-13.00 Medicare Expense	3,085.21	2,800.75	3,535.10
10-50-7-13.50 Child Care Expense	0.00	421.33	1,012.00
10-50-7-14.00 Retirement Expense	26,750.00	20,928.67	31,924.00
10-50-7-15.00 VLCT Unemployment Ins.	2,243.00	2,244.00	2,286.00
10-50-7-18.00 Health & Disability Ins.	38,168.16	29,537.32	46,561.68
10-50-7-21.00 Supplies	8,500.00	8,645.26	8,500.00
10-50-7-22.00 Tools/Equipment	3,500.00	1,158.84	2,500.00
10-50-7-23.00 Telephone	1,200.00	1,222.44	1,200.00
10-50-7-24.00 Parts & Repairs	54,000.00	75,243.65	50,000.00
10-50-7-25.00 Technology	500.00	0.00	500.00
10-50-7-30.00 Hired Services	18,000.00	20,637.50	21,000.00
10-50-7-31.00 Waste Disposal	1,200.00	1,148.99	1,200.00
10-50-7-70.00 Gasoline	500.00	126.20	500.00
10-50-7-71.00 Diesel & Oil	65,000.00	42,348.05	47,500.00
10-50-7-72.00 Tires	14,000.00	18,756.00	10,000.00
10-50-7-73.00 Blades & Shoes	8,000.00	2,077.02	4,250.00
10-50-7-74.00 Sand, Gravel, Stone	10,000.00	23,158.00	10,000.00
10-50-7-74.10 Erosion Stone	8,000.00	1,595.82	8,000.00
10-50-7-74.20 Gravel Crushing/Processing	65,000.00	89,575.00	40,000.00
10-50-7-76.00 Chloride, Salt	40,000.00	27,272.89	32,500.00
10-50-7-78.00 Road Supplies	15,000.00	18,203.40	15,000.00
10-50-7-78.15 Road Equipment	161,069.38	274,343.99	0.00
10-50-7-78.25 Building Repairs (Garage)	5,000.00	5,217.14	5,000.00
10-50-7-78.30 Road Signs	1,500.00	4,039.99	1,500.00
10-50-7-78.50 Propane	4,000.00	1,785.45	2,500.00
10-50-7-79.00 Paving	1,500.00	0.00	0.00

## 2025 Proposed Town Budget cont.

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget
<b>Highway Department Cont.</b>			
10-50-7-85.00 Road Equip Loan Payment	49,220.00	49,218.93	49,220.00
10-50-7-87.00 Equipment Rental	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
10-50-7-88.00 Municipal Rd Gen Permit	1,350.00	1,590.00	1,350.00
10-50-7-89.00 ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00
10-50-7-90.00 DR4720 Storm Repairs	49,681.00	39,100.00	0.00
10-50-7-91.00 DR4810 Storm Repairs	0.00	232,030.93	0.00
10-50-7-99.00 Misc. Road Expenses	1,000.00	726.30	1,000.00
<b>Total Highway Department</b>	<b>883,931.46</b>	<b>1,196,918.20</b>	<b>658,454.38</b>
<b>54-7 Class IV Highway Dept.</b>			
10-54-7-10.00 Wages	4,000.00	3,364.97	4,000.00
10-54-7-30.00 Hired Services	1,500.00	10,225.00	1,500.00
10-54-7-74.00 Sand & Gravel	3,000.00	392.99	3,000.00
10-54-7-78.00 Road Supplies (culverts)	0.00	666.00	0.00
10-54-7-99.00 MISC CLASS IV	3,500.00	110.00	3,500.00
<b>Total Class IV Highway Dept.</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>14,758.96</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>895,931.46</b>	<b>1,211,677.16</b>	<b>670,454.38</b>
<b>60-7 Cemetery Expenses</b>			
10-60-7-10.00 Wages	9,500.00	10,152.00	11,500.00
10-60-7-12.00 Social Security Expense	589.00	629.44	713.00
10-60-7-13.00 Medicare expense	138.00	147.22	167.00
10-60-7-14.00 Child Care Expense	0.00	36.41	51.00
10-60-7-21.00 Flags	175.00	120.00	175.00
10-60-7-24.00 New Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00
10-60-7-28.00 Repairs & Supplies	2,000.00	443.85	2,000.00
10-60-7-60.25 Perpetual Care	0.00	790.00	0.00
10-60-7-60.30 Corner Posts	0.00	400.00	0.00
10-60-7-70.00 Gasoline & Oil	1,100.00	836.61	1,000.00
10-60-7-87.00 Fencing	100.00	495.00	100.00
10-60-7-99.00 Misc. Cemetery Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>14,102.00</b>	<b>14,050.53</b>	<b>16,206.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/o Appropriations)</b>	<b>1,223,388.48</b>	<b>1,586,980.04</b>	<b>999,320.90</b>

## 2025 Proposed Appropriations

	FY 2024 Voted	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Proposed
<b>85-7-95 Appropriations</b>			
10-85-7-95.10 Volunteer Fire Dept.	55,609.00	55,609.00	55,609.00
10-85-7-95.20 NEK Human Services	1,074.00	1,074.00	1,074.00
10-85-7-95.25 VNA & Hospice	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-85-7-95.30 Citizens Advocacy	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-85-7-95.35 NEK Council On Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00
10-85-7-95.55 Daily Memorial Library	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,350.00
10-85-7-95.70 Umbrella	700.00	700.00	700.00
10-85-7-95.75 Charleston Historical Soc	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-85-7-95.80 NorthWoods Stewardship Ctr	800.00	800.00	800.00
10-85-7-95.85 Rural Community Transport	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
10-85-7-95.94 VSO Symphony Kids	100.00	100.00	100.00
10-85-7-95.95 Echo Lake Milfoil Project	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-85-7-95.96 VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	0.00
10-85-7-95.97 Pope Memorial Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-85-7-95.98 Island Pond Library	700.00	700.00	700.00
10-85-7-95.99 Green UP Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>68,133.00</b>	<b>68,133.00</b>	<b>68,133.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/ Appropriations)</b>	<b>1,291,521.48</b>	<b>1,655,113.04</b>	<b>1,067,453.90</b>

# Minutes of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Charleston Elementary School

The Annual Town & School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Moderator Jean Wilson, with School Business concluding at 10:50 am. With Moderator Jean Wilson having been re-elected during School Business, business began with Article 2.

## **Article 2. To elect all officers as required by law.**

**Selectboard:** Terry Rollins nominated by Tom Wagner, second by Carol Westinghouse. Pat Austin nominated by Anya Tynio, second by Teri Gray. Paper ballot voter result: 48 Rollins; 42 Austin. Terry Rollins elected for 3 years.

**Lister:** Jean Wilson nominated by Steve Wilson, second by Bob Devaney. Unopposed. Elected for 3 years.

**Auditor:** Michael Morelli nominated by Sherman Allen, and seconded. Unopposed. Elected for 3 years.

**Delinquent Tax Collector:** Grace Frizzell nominated by Peggy Stevens, second by Nancy Engels. Unopposed. Elected for 1 year.

**Second Constable:** Natasha Anya Tynio nominated by Bob Devaney second by Mike Tynio. Anya Tynio said she must decline the nomination because it is a conflict with her current job. With no other nominations, she said she was willing to accept until a replacement could be found. Unopposed. Elected for 1 year.

**Cemetery Commissioner:** Grace Frizzell nominated by Sherman Allen, second by Peggy Stevens. Unopposed. Elected for 5 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?** Moved by Mary Esposito, second by Rebecca Midthun. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. No discussion

**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?** Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Sherman Allen. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Peter Moskovites thanked voters for their show of confidence.

**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?** Moved by Anya Tynio, second by Heather Johnston. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Ian Devaney said the town gets good value from the CVFD.

**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?** Moved by Sherman Allen, second by Mary Esposito. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. No discussion.

**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?** Moved by Sherman Allen, second by Ellen Gray. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. No discussion.

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**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 programs; 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. Moved by Peggy Stevens, second by Penelope Newcomb. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. No discussion.


**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? Moved by Peggy Stevens, second by Medora Jensen. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. No discussion.

**Article 10.** To transact any other business that my legally come before this meeting. Discussion: Peggy Stevens said she and John Kellogg represent Charleston on the board of NEK Broadband, a communications union district aimed at getting internet service to unserved rural areas. The project received a \$17.5 million federal grant that will install poles and run cable, while prioritizing residents with the worst or no internet. It will probably not reach Charleston until next year. Charleston residents can help by pre-registering—either online or by filling out a card today or at the town office—to help Charleston move up the priority list. Residents who have current service can still sign up because service will be less than with Comcast. The project involves developing a local installation and maintenance crew; there are jobs and training for those interested. Penelope Newcomb asked how many people would be interested in sharing a meal after town meeting. About half the room raised hands in support.

Seeing no other business, the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

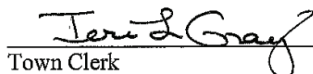
DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DATE OF MARCH 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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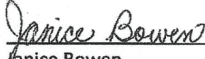
  
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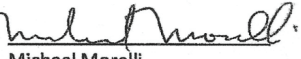
# Auditors Report

We have audited all Town Officers' books and find them correct as reported herein. As part of this audit, we reviewed revenues, disbursements, payroll records, and financial statements and all backup records for transactions. We believe this to be a correct statement of the condition of the Town of Charleston as of December 31, 2024. The reports will be mailed to all voter households and will be available from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of January 2025  
Town Auditors

  
Janice Bowen

  
Diana Marckwardt

  
Michael Morelli

## General Fund Comparative Statement Two-Year Period Ending December 31, 2024

Current Assets	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2024
General Cash Account	833,195.84	671,631.47
<b>Revenues not yet received</b>		
Delinquent Taxes	44,684.77	41,981.66
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>877,880.61</b>	<b>713,613.13</b>
<b>Encumbered Funds</b>		
Road Surplus/Deficit	-	26,798.68
Records Preservation Fund	22,144.90	24,512.90
Cemetery Funds (due to CD)	450.00	-
Cemetery Stone Preservation Fund	-	384.00
Delinquent Tax Overage	-	2,680.84
ARPA Funds (restricted use)	225,750.38	-
2024 State Road Aid	49,708.44	-
2025 State Road Aid	-	49,756.58
Highway Gravel Funds under contract	47,528.31	-
Grant Match, 2025 Paving Contract	-	29,254.40
Office & Hwy Yard Pavement & Repairs	-	20,000.00
	<b>345,582.03</b>	<b>153,387.40</b>
<b>Unencumbered Funds</b>	<b>532,298.58</b>	<b>560,225.73</b>
	<b>877,880.61</b>	<b>713,613.13</b>
<b>Increase in Unencumbered Funds from previous year</b>		<b>27,927.15</b>

NOTE: The surplus is used by the General Fund for operating expenses until the current year's taxes come in.

# Special Funds Balance

## Road Equipment Fund

Balance January 1, 2024	205,808.73
Interest	102.93
<b>Balance December 31, 2024</b>	<b>205,911.66</b>

## Reappraisal Fund

Balance January 1, 2024	75,525.75
Add Receipts, State of Vermont	7,248.50
Interest	38.26
<b>Balance December 31, 2024</b>	<b>82,812.51</b>

# Statement of Indebtedness

The Town now has the following loans with Community National Bank:

Purpose of Loan	2017 10-Wheel Mack Truck, Excavator & Trailer	2020 Intl Truck Loan	2018 Solar Installation Loan
<b>Date</b>	10/27/2015 <i>refinanced 2018</i>	4/02/2019	11/20/2018
<b>Principal</b>	317,049.00 <i>new 190,346.95</i>	125,089.00	286,845.33
<b>Interest Rate</b>	1.79%	3.00%	3.875%
<b>2024 Payment</b>	29,354.38	19,864.55	20,873.62
<b>Next Payment Date</b>	10/27/2025	11/20/2025	11/20/2025
<b>Next Payment Amount</b>	29,354.38	19,864.55	20,873.62
<b>Balance 12/31/2024</b>	27,510.20	19,257.47	221,694.77
<b>Final Payment Date</b>	10/27/2025	11/20/2025	11/20/2038

## Statement of Assets

The Selectboard reports the following assets of the Town of Charleston in addition to those reported in the Financial Statements:

Asset	Purchase Date	Original Cost
Barton Gravel Pit	2012	400,000
Town Garage	-	246,000
Town Clerk's Office & Equipment	-	160,000
Worth Gravel Pit	2009	200,000
Town Farm (Westmore Acreage)	-	55,400
Town Farm (Charleston Acreage)	-	104,800
Cemeteries	-	44,200
Blake Lot	-	5,000
Loader (Volvo L60)	2005	120,000
2019 Loader (Volvo L90)	2020	160,000
2025 Mack 10-wheel Truck	2024	273,344
2017 Mack 10-wheel Truck	2016	194,500
2015 Mack 10-wheel Truck	2014	186,000
2020 International 6-wheel Truck	2019	165,000
2017 Ford F-350 Diesel w/ Plow	2017	57,755
2015 CAT Excavator w/ Attachments	2015	103,000
CAM Equipment Trailer	2015	18,575
John Deere Grader	2009	195,000
4 Snow Plows	-	12,000
Hay wagon	2020	1,400
Motorized Screen	2007	13,500
Culvert Thawer	2014	7,500
Small tools, etc.	-	11,000
Custom Shoulder Retriever Attachment	2018	7,500
Grizzly Screen	2013	7,000
2 Way Radios	2012, 2016	5,400
Security Equipment	2014	3,600
Air Compressor	2023	3,550
Tool Cabinets	-	2,050
York Rock Rake	2021	1,000
Tire Safety Cage	-	500
Road Machine	-	100
¾ HP Drill Press	2015	400
Small generator (donated)	2021	400
Steel Chop Saw	2014	1,400
¾ battery impact tools	2019	725
Husqvarna power head & broom	2019	645
Husqvarna Chainsaw	2022	700
75 Gal Fuel Tank	2015	400
Fuel Transfer Pump	2015	300
Wedge Locks, pair	2017	600
John Deere Z315E ZTrak (Cemetery)	2023	3,549

# Treasurer's Report:

## Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

### January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

<b>Tax Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>
2024 Property Taxes Collected	2,456,432.94
VT Property Tax Adjustment Payments	24,133.77
2024 Overpayments by Individuals	12,209.65
Current Use Hold Harmless from State of VT	101,037.00
Delinquent Taxes from Del. Tax Collector	60,339.13
<b>Total Tax Receipts</b>	<b>2,654,152.49</b>
<b>Licenses</b>	
Liquor Licenses	70.00
Dog Licenses	741.00
Marriage Licenses	75.00
<b>Total Licenses</b>	<b>886.00</b>
<b>Fees Received</b>	
Recording and Copies	8,069.00
Motor Vehicle Renewals	15.00
Fees for Records Preservation	2,368.00
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>10,452.00</b>
<b>Transfers to State of Vermont</b>	
Fees for Dog Licenses	606.00
Fees for Marriage Licenses	325.00
<b>Total Transfer to State of Vermont</b>	<b>931.00</b>
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,144.23
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	4,824.50
Overpayments	0.83
<b>Total Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	<b>7,969.56</b>
<b>Grants</b>	
Aquatic Nuisance / Watershed Grants (Echo Lake)	5,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

## Statement of Receipts & Disbursements cont.

### Miscellaneous

Charleston School District, financial services	3,750.00
Charleston School, 2023 Education Tax Refund	20,449.18
NCUHS, 2023 Education Tax Refund	7,218.50
Community National Bank, NOW account interest	3,644.44
State of VT Reappraisal Fund, per-parcel payment	7,248.50
USPS, Reimbursement on Envelope Order	423.45
State of VT, Current Use Change	1,216.00
State of VT, Local Economic Impact (LEI) Grant	20,000.00
Tax Sale Revenue & Overage	28,662.11
Tax Sale Overpayment	4,038.86
State of VT, Cannabis Local Fee	100.00
Solar Net Metering from School/CVFD	15,831.98
VLCT PACIF Safety Grant	215.88
State of VT, PILOT	1,196.37

<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>113,995.27</b>
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Total 2024 Road Receipts less Taxes (see Road Report)	434,027.05
Total 2024 Cemetery Receipts less Taxes (see Cem Rpt)	4881.10

<b>Total</b>	<b>3,232,294.47</b>
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Transfer to Elementary & High School Accounts	1,738,745.80
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<b>Total after transfer</b>	<b>1,493,548.67</b>
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Add Balance, January 1, 2024	833,045.84
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<b>Total including January Balance</b>	<b>2,326,594.51</b>
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### Deduct Disbursements:

Selectboard Orders & Appropriations	429,385.35
Road Dept Orders	1,211,677.16
Cemetery Orders	14,050.53

<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>1,655,113.04</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</b>	<b>671,481.47</b>
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### Accounted for as follows:

Community National Bank NOW Checking account	671,481.47
Cash on hand	150.00

<b>Balance December 31, 2024</b>	<b>671,631.47</b>
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# Statement of 2024 Municipal Tax Rate

General	165,590.02
Roads	575,472.64
Cemetery	12,400.00
Veterans Exemption	5,169.54
Appropriations	68,133.00
Charleston Historical Society	500.00
Charleston Volunteer Fire Department	55,609.00
Dailey Memorial Library	1,250.00
Echo Lake Protective Association	1,000.00
Green Up	50.00
Island Pond Library	700.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	600.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	1,074.00
NorthWoods Stewardship Center	800.00
Orleans/Essex VNA & Hospice	3,000.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	500.00
Pope Memorial Animal Society	500.00
Rural Community Transportation	1,650.00
VSO Symphony Kids	100.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00
Umbrella	700.00

**TOTAL BUDGET TO BE RAISED 826,765.20**

Municipal Grand List	1,139,186.00
<b>Tax Rate for Municipal</b>	<b>0.725751</b>

**AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES 826,765.20**

## Statement of Taxes Raised

Taxes Billed	Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Non-Homestead Education	579,195.98	1.7795	1,030,679.37
Homestead Education	566,064.00	1.7091	967,460.01
General	1,138,832.00	0.1453	165,472.01
Roads	1,138,832.00	0.5052	575,337.83
Cemetery	1,138,832.00	0.0109	12,413.17
Veterans Exemption	1,138,832.00	0.0045	5,124.88
Fire Department Appropriation	1,138,832.00	0.0488	55,575.08
Svc Org Appropriations	1,138,832.00	0.0110	12,527.56
<b>Total Taxes Billed</b>			<b>2,824,589.91</b>

### Adjustments to Original Billings

Late Homestead penalty	1,208.50
<b>Final Taxes Billed</b>	<b>2,825,798.41</b>

### Taxes accounted for as follows:

Property Taxes Collected by Treasurer	2,480,566.71
State Payment to School	286,200.28
Delinquent Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector	57,636.02
2024 Property Tax Due Jan 2025 for Current Use Change	1,395.40
	<b>2,825,798.41</b>

### Distribution of Treasurer's Collections

General Fund	741,820.91
School Fund	1,738,745.80
<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b>2,480,566.71</b>

# Selectboard Report

## EXPENSES

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### **Town Officers & Employees**

Total Wages paid to Officers & Employees	94,209.14
Social Security paid	5,840.96
Medicare paid	1,366.03
Child Care Credit paid	258.19
VMERS Retirement	11,567.37
Health Insurance, Asst. Clerk	9,368.27
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	<b>122,609.96</b>

### **Insurance**

VLCT/PACIF, Commercial Package	16,697.00
VLCT, Workers Comp. Insurance	14,173.00
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	<b>30,870.00</b>

### **Printing & Advertising**

Repro Vermont, Town Reports	903.79
Kelsey Evans, Town Report layout	280.00
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	<b>1,183.79</b>

### **Other Expenses**

Legal Services	40.00
Clerk & Treasurer Supplies	1,975.64
Clerk & Treasurer Postage	1,811.07
Listers' Expenses (IT, postage, supplies, tax maps, misc.)	1,051.76
Listers' Mileage	123.80
Listers' Reappraisal Expenses (transfer to Reserve)	7,248.50
Tax Collector's Expenses	73.00
Tax Sale Expenses	30,300.14
Animal Control mileage	409.39
Animal Control Telephone	528.48
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	<b>43,561.78</b>



## Selectboard Report cont.

### Utilities & Upkeep

Electricity	2,499.17
Street Lights	1,892.32
Community Solar	21,129.58
Telephone	1,591.85
Solid Waste/Recycling	1,184.36
Lawn Care	650.00
Equipment & Repairs	4,194.00
Building Upkeep/Repairs	1,172.80
Town Office Janitorial	355.45
911 Road Signs	1,547.03
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	<b>36,216.56</b>

### Taxes Paid Out

Orleans County Treasurer, County Tax	19,411.70
Town of Westmore, Town Farm Property Tax	158.68
Town of Barton, Gravel Pit Property Tax	2,424.52
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	<b>21,994.90</b>

### Miscellaneous

Newport Ambulance Service	59,982.00
VT State Treasurer, Marriage Licenses	325.00
VT State Treasurer, Dog Licenses	606.00
VLCT, dues	2,519.00
VMCTA, dues	90.00
NVDA, dues	868.00
Tax refunds	12,207.60
NEMRC, computer support/contract	6,258.51
Kevaco, website hosting & upgrades	850.00
Clerk/Treasurer & Selectboard mileage	1,064.25
VLCT, Selectboard Training	25.00
VLCT, Clerk Training	20.00
CVFD, grant toward ARGO vehicle	15,000.00
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	<b>99,815.36</b>

# Selectboard Report cont.

## Grant Expenses

Echo Lake Protective Association	5,000.00
	<u>5,000.00</u>

<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>361,252.35</b>
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## Voted at Town Meeting

NEK Council on Aging	600.00
Charleston Historical Society	500.00
Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept.	55,609.00
Dailey Memorial Library	1,250.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Island Pond Public Library	700.00
NEK Human Services	1,074.00
NorthWoods Stewardship Center	800.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	500.00
OEVNA & Hospice	3,000.00
Rural Community Transport	1,650.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society	500.00
Echo Lake Protective Association	1,000.00
VSO Symphony Kids	100.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00
Umbrella	700.00
	<u>68,133.00</u>

<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>429,385.35</b>
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# Road Department Report

## SUMMARY

### Road Dept Receipts

State Aid, Class 2 & 3 Highways**	99,513.20
FEMA Disaster Assistance DR4720	276,030.77
VT Better Roads Grant (Westmore Rd culverts/ditching)	20,000.00
VT Grants-in-Aid Grant (Westmore Rd ditching)	12,000.00
VT Grants-in-Aid Grant (Westmore Rd culvert/ditching)	9,500.00
Insurance Payment for International Truck Repairs	9,274.71
VLCT Pacif Safety Equipment Grant, work zone signs	877.80
Towns of Westmore & Brownington, sale of winter sand	4,825.00
Portland Glass, windshield refund	456.57
Access Culvert Reimbursement from Property Owners	1,070.20
Wright Brothers Metal, scrap culverts	478.80

**Total Road Receipts 434,027.05**

Voted for 2024 Road Budget (Taxes) 575,472.64

**Road Receipts plus Tax Revenue 1,009,499.69**

ARPA, Encumbered Funds Obligated as Budget Revenue 210,750.38

2023 Highway Gravel Funds for Simpson Dirtworx Contract 47,528.31

2024 State Highway Aid Received in 2023 49,708.44

**TOTAL ROAD REVENUES 1,317,486.82**

### Deduct Disbursements

Highways 1,196,918.20

Class IV 14,758.96

**Total Disbursements 1,211,677.16**

### Deduct Encumbrances

\*\*2025 State Highway Aid paid in 2024 (Encumbered for 2025) 49,756.58

Funds Encumbered for 2025 Paving Grant Match 29,254.40

**Total Encumbrances 79,010.98**

**TOTAL ROAD DISBURSEMENTS & ENCUMBRANCES 1,290,688.14**

**Surplus/Deficit 26,798.68**

## EXPENDITURES

### Highway Department

Wages & Stipends 193,153.74

Social Security paid 11,975.57

Medicare paid 2,800.75

Child Care Credit 421.33

Retirement 20,928.67

## Road Department Report cont.

### Expenditures cont.

VLCT Unemployment Ins.	2,244.00
Health, Vision and Disability Insurance	29,537.32
Supplies	8,645.26
Tools/Equipment	1,158.84
Telephone	1,222.44
Parts & Repairs	75,243.65
Gary Hale, beaver control	50.00
David White Trucking, roadside mowing & pavement sweeping	17,650.00
JBL Hauling & Excavating, storm repairs & grant work	85,452.74
Isaac's Excavating, storm repairs DR4810 (2024)	89,775.00
Green & Son Concrete, Westmore Rd Bridge 19 repair	21,100.00
Simpson Dirtworx, gravel crushing & storm repair	93,075.00
IRD Sand & Gravel, gravel	20,191.00
Dupuis Sand & Gravel, erosion stone	32,685.00
J. Hutchins Inc., erosion stone	5,141.63
Kingdom Gravel, sta-mat & erosion stone	20,743.22
Calkins Sand & Gravel, erosion stone	1,374.13
Johnson Hardware, culverts	44,059.32
Farmyard Store, culverts & equipment rental	2,021.60
Casella, waste disposal	1,148.99
Diesel, Oil, Gas	42,474.25
Tires	18,756.00
Blades & Shoes	2,077.02
Innovative Surface, dust control chloride	27,272.89
Eastern Metal, work zone signs and delineator posts	3,781.60
Eberl Iron Works, sign posts	1,792.12
Worksafe, road signs	492.27
Duane Moulton, hay	350.00
Community Nat'l Bank, equipment loan annual payment	49,218.93
Garage Building Repairs & Upkeep	5,217.14
Bourne's Energy, propane	1,785.45
Transeastern, 2025 Mack truck	173,043.99
HP Fairfield, 2025 dump body	101,300.00
VT DEC, MRGP renewal & annual fees	1,590.00
Newspaper Job Postings	726.30
<b>TOTAL ROAD EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,211,677.16</b>

# Cemetery Commissioners' Report

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hillside - Dividend from Dominion Resources	48.08
Hillside - CD Int from Community National Bank	1,766.46
West Village - CD Int from Community National Bank	1,366.56
Lot(s) sold	1,700.00
Voted at Town Meeting for Cemetery Dept.	12,400.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>17,281.10</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>	
Wages Paid for Labor	10,152.00
Social Security & Medicare	813.07
Heritage Memorials, corner posts	400.00
Driver's Outdoor Power Equipment, Repairs/Supplies	91.70
Gervais Ace Hardware	119.66
Charleston Corner Store, Gas	836.61
The Pick & Shovel	19.99
American Legion, Flags	120.00
Perpetual Care, paid to CDs	790.00
United, Lawn Mower	212.50
H. Green, Fence Posts	495.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>14,050.53</b>
<b>Receipts Less Disbursements</b>	<b>3,230.57</b>

<b>Cemetery Trust Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hillside: Community Natl Bank CD @4.75% matures 8/1/2025	46,945.84
West Village & Bly et al: Community Natl Bank CD @4.75% matures 8/1/2025	35,738.01
<b>Total Trust Funds, December 31, 2024</b>	<b>82,683.85</b>

*Note: Bly et al = Bly, Crawford, Buck & Morrill Cemeteries*

## **Policies of the Cemetery Commissioners:**

No graves are to be opened after November 15th or before April 15th.

No shrubs or bushes will be planted on lots in any cemetery.

All flowers will be removed before the first cutting in the spring.

Green burial is not permitted.

The Town does not finance lots.

Prices are as follows: Full lot \$1,100; half-lot \$900; \$600 cremation lot

# Listers' Report

The results of the December 2024 Equalization Study have been received from the state. Charleston's common level of appraisal (CLA) is 72.71%. Basically, Grand List values are at 72.71% of market value on average, based on 3 years of sales through 4/1/24. The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of uniformity of appraisal within the town and is 18.18%.

At the state level, the VT legislature passed Act 68 of 2023 which made changes to the property reappraisal system in VT. It created a 6-year cycle for each town to reappraise beginning on Jan 1, 2025. The Dept of Taxes has made recommendations on how to achieve this required 6-year cycle in an efficient and affordable manner. Implementation will be the next consideration.

The following breakdown is available for your information and review:

## Charleston 2024 Municipal Grand List Summary

Property Type	# of Parcels	Listed Value
Residential	367	62,022,800
Mobile Homes	84	5,284,600
Seasonal	56	5,673,600
Lake Properties	102	30,096,300
Commercial	7	671,700
Utilities	3	6,164,400
Farms	24	11,913,800
Open Land	105	7,509,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>129,336,200</b>
<b>Less exemptions*</b>		<b>(15,453,000)</b>
<b>Total Grand List</b>		<b>113,883,200</b>

\*Exemptions include: Current Use: \$14,935,500, Veterans: \$400,000; Contracts: \$117,500

### Whats Ahead:

The town of Charleston has contracted with the appraisal company NEMRC to complete a townwide reappraisal for the 2026 Grand List. This will be a statistical update if existing property data holds integrity after reviewing a sample number of parcels. Updated cost tables and a new land schedule will be established and applied to all parcels to determine new market values. NEMRC assessors will review all parcels - this will include updating exterior photos and verifying data on record if necessary. Property owners will have the opportunity to view their data online and talk with an appraiser after new values are established. This 1-year project will begin after the 2025 Grand List is lodged in the spring.

TOWN RESIDENTS are reminded to file their HOMESTEAD DECLARATION (form HS 122) by April 15, 2025 to avoid a Late Homestead Penalty (3% of the Education Tax): For more information or to file online, visit [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charleston Board of Listers

# Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

Tax Year	2023	2024
Uncollected Taxes	66,002.03	57,636.02
Uncollected as of	10/20/2023	10/25/24
Collected in 2024	44,684.77	15,654.36
<b>Uncollected as of 12/31/2024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,981.66</b>

## 2024 Delinquent Tax Revenue

2023 Taxes Collected	44,684.77
2024 Taxes Collected	15,654.36
	<b>60,339.13</b>

## 2024 Delinquent Taxes

Owner	Unpaid Tax		
		Lowell, Robin & Nicole	1,252.60
Belmore, Syman	636.32	Malmude, Anna	1,793.72
Bemis, David R.	2,720.65	Messier, Norman	1,507.63
Broe, Jeremy	1,587.49	Morrill, Douglas	3,196.63
Chandler, June Life Estate & Jessica Grissom Et Al	1,119.83	Moulton, Dwight & Shirley	2,241.16
Desanto, Derrick	2,091.50	Mount, Jeffrey & Dana Bellavance	1,084.75
Doyon, Cassidy & Kaine Gray	175.37	Oldacre, Mareo, Parina Godbolt & Clifton Oldacre	626.31
French, Rodger & Kathleen Lyford	876.83	Paddleford, Milton & Sharon	3,086.40
Gonyaw, Dean & Eileen	1,711.05	Skinner, Todd	1,324.80
Griffin, Francis E.	1,103.15	Smart, Aaron & Amanda Kay	2,066.79
Hart, Angiemarie	77.05	Thomas, Donald & John Thomas	2,059.46
Hillis, Arlean	936.50		
Hodge, Joda	2,096.85		
Jensen, Mildred Estate	165.35		
Jensen, Thomas	1,964.16		
Johnson, Benjamin	899.37		
Keenan, Scott & Deanna	3,579.94		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>41,981.66</b>

# **Charleston Volunteer Fire Department**

P.O Box 106

East Charleston, Vermont 05833

## **Fire Department Report to the Town of Charleston Year Ending 2024**

The year 2024 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> year for the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department. 2024 saw the department called out a total of 45 emergency calls. Breakdown of the calls included structure/chimney fires, ambulance assist, motor vehicle accidents, fire or (CO) detector activations, and mutual aid calls to area departments.

Our membership in 2024 stands strong with 26 regular members.

In 2024 we had a very successful fundraiser our BBQ in August, and the Oyster supper was canceled do to unforeseen circumstances, but will be back on track for 2025 being held at the fire station from here on out. We want to thank all who were able to attend, and also thank you to all the Charleston community for your continued support.

This year's budget CVFD submits a request of \$55,609.00. This request remains level funded same as last year. This request includes annual tanker payment of (\$11,755.00 and \$2,291.00 for Charleston's share of dispatching.) Morgan will be billed for their share of dispatching also.

Also this year we are very excited to announce the addition of our new all terrain vehicle a 2024 8 wheeled Argo with tracks for back country rescue, ice rescue, brush fires and much more.

As always, the commitment of CVFD members to their community is voluntary, with no members being financially reimbursed for their time. All dollars which the department receives, goes directly to defray cost of operations.

We thank the Charleston community for their continued support.



**Charleston Vol. Fire Dept.Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
byron fish memorial	1,000.00
Devaney BBQ	8,625.00
Donations	7,206.34
Evelyn Bowen Memorial	500.00
Interest income	27.14
Oyster Supper <i>Donation only</i>	8,906.00
snow mobile raffle	4,965.00
Town of Charleston	70,609.00
Town of Morgan	20,005.00
<b>Total Income</b>	121,843.48
<b>Gross Profit</b>	121,843.48
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank fee	330.00
Communication	7,339.00
Devaney BBQ Expense	117.00
Dispatcher Expenses	3,453.20
Dues	
NEIMA	100.00
Dues - Other	650.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	750.00
E Dispatch	1,572.00
Equip Rental and Maintenance	769.91
Insurance	
W/C insurance	1,219.00
Insurance - Other	10,395.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	11,614.00
Office Expenses	848.31
Oyster supper expenses	79.27
Personnel expenses	2,679.18
Plowing	350.00
Postage, Mailing Service	1,167.00
Professional services	1,025.00
Repairs	
Engine repair	4,000.00
Equipment Repair	5,588.26
SCBA Repair	2,799.35
Station Repairs	364.99
Truck Repair	2,757.77
Repairs - Other	549.37
<b>Total Repairs</b>	16,059.74
Supplies	
Station supplies	2,500.00
Supplies - Other	519.00
<b>Total Supplies</b>	3,019.00
tore up	0.00
Training	1,250.00
Turn out gear	4,734.89
Utilities	
Electric	634.84
Heating Oil	2,793.86
Utilities - Other	2,297.54
<b>Total Utilities</b>	5,726.24
<b>Total Expense</b>	62,883.74
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	58,959.74
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other income	
snow mobile	300.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	300.00
<b>Net Other Income</b>	300.00
<b>Net Income</b>	59,259.74



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## **Town of Charleston 2024 Report**

With the completion of our new Troy station, Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the State of Vermont. Newport Ambulance employs over 60 employees and has 4 stations covering 17 towns, 5 Unified Towns and Gores, totaling 830 sq miles. Our volume was 5,172 calls for service in 2024.

Newport Ambulance's facilities has locations at 830 Union St in Newport, 8437 RTE 111 in Morgan, 6719 RTE 100 in Troy, and 62 Wilson Rd in Johnson.

Currently, Newport Ambulance has 6 crews providing 24/7 service. Newport Ambulance has 11 ambulances and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond at the Advanced Life Support level.

Newport Ambulance's Morgan station houses one crew that is available to respond 24/7; serving parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, Brighton, and the Unified Towns and Gores.

In 2024, Newport Ambulance responded to 121 emergency calls in the Town of Charleston and transported 12 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to a total of 82 calls for mutual aid.

Newport Ambulance provided emergency coverage throughout the 2024 year for multiple local events; to include, staffing 11 trucks and a Paramedic fly car for the Total Eclipse in April as well as providing coverage at the Rider Hill Motor Cross races, Brighton's Independence Day celebration, Brighton's Pondathon, NCUHS sporting events, and The Kingdom Swim to just name a few.

We are especially proud that our crews have been recognized for a total of four cardiac saves in 2024.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to serving you and your community for years to come.

Respectfully

**Jeffrey J. Johansen**

Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Service Inc

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## Dedication

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The 2024 Annual Report is dedicated to Rudolph Gratton and Larry Young (both passed away in 2024) with gratitude for their dedicated service to town government and our community.

The Gratton and Young families are indelible to Charleston's story. Both men worked their family farms in their early days and shared their commitment to the land with the next generation. Their farms remain vibrant and productive today, gracing the Charleston landscape and anchoring our farming tradition.

Mr. Gratton was elected Selectman in 1973 and served for 35 years. Mr. Young succeeded him in 2008 and held office for 15 years following his service as School Board Director. Both men brought level heads and steady hands to the work of running our town, giving their time unflinching to the day-to-day matters of road maintenance and budget management.

They shepherded Charleston through changes big and small, lending skepticism when external change would not well-serve our town and providing leadership when growth was necessary. Over the course of their combined 50 years on the board, the present Town Office and Highway Garage were built, a fleet of modern trucks and equipment was acquired to strengthen road maintenance, and the first Town Plan was adopted to maximize residents' influence over development and open a path to state and federal grant funding for road maintenance and natural disaster response.

From the town roads that bear their family names to our town's improved infrastructure, we are all beneficiaries of the legacies of Rudy Gratton and Larry Young. We honor their service and remember them fondly.

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