

Town of Charleston – 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?

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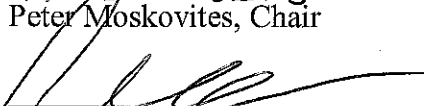
- a. \$500 to Charleston Historical Society for support of the museum and collection
- b. \$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association for milfoil prevention programs
- c. \$800 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services
- d. \$700 to Island Pond Library for services to residents
- 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 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