WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2007

The legal voters of the Town of Charlotte are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Charlotte Central School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon any of the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and to meet at the Charlotte Central School Gymnasium in said Town on the same date to vote by Australian Ballot to begin at seven o'clock in the forenoon and to close at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 1: To hear the reports of the Town officers and to act upon the same.

Article 2: Will the Town vote to have Property Taxes payable on or before November 15,2007 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

Article 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $ 2,305,538 for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 less anticipated revenues?

Article 4: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year?

Article 5: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to create a reserve fund ("Charlotte Housing Trust Fund") for the purpose of providing funds for the creation of affordable housing in accordance with a fund oversight policy to be adopted by the Selectboard?

Article 6: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate in order to deposit $40,000 into the Charlotte Housing Trust Fund for a period of three years commencing with FY07/08?

Article 7: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate by two and one half cents for deposit in the Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve Fund in FY07/08?

Article 8: Will the Town vote to increase from $20,000 to $40,000 the exempted property value for each Veteran's Exemption from education and municipal taxes commencing in FY07/08?

Article 9: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 10: To elect Town Officers.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2007 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Eleanor Russell, Chair

Charles Russell

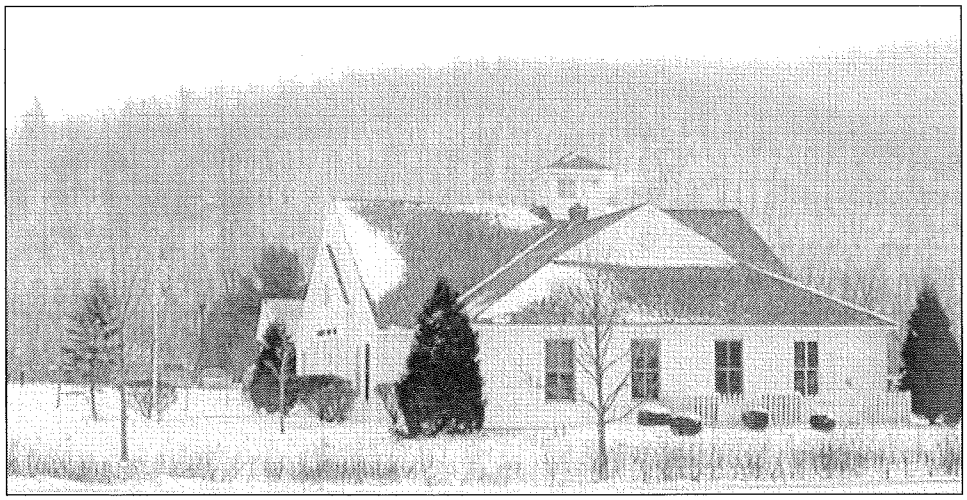
Ed Stone

Jennifer Cole

Francis Thornton

Received for record this 2nd day of February, 2007.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk



ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2006

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Eleanor Russell (Chairman), Jennifer R.S. Cole, Charles Russell, Edward Stone & Francis Thornton

MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM in the Charlotte Central School Multi-Purpose Room. Town officers, the Land Use Regulations and the Contractor's Yard amendment to the Zoning Bylaws were voted on by Australian Ballot with results on the following page. The polls were open from 7AM until 7PM.

ARTICLE 1: Reports of the Town Officers were accepted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: Article was passed by voice vote to have property taxes paid on or before November 15th and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773.

ARTICLE 3: The Selectboard 's budget of $2,343,928 was amended to $2,344,528 by adding $600 for a donation to the Lewis Creek Association. An amendment to reduce the budget by $150,000 failed by a paper vote, 121 to 102.

ARTICLE 4: Article to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues passed by voice vote with no discussion.

ARTICLE 5: The town voted to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate by no more than two cents for a period of ten years to maintain a Conservation Fund. An amendment to include Affordable Housing failed along with an amendment to increase the tax rate by no more than two cents for a period of two years.

ARTICLE 6: The town authorized the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate by no more than two and one half cents for deposit into the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 7: The town voted pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840 to exempt property owned by the Friendship Lodge #24 F & AM located on Church Hill Road from education and municipal property taxes for a period of five years commencing with FY 06/07. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: The town voted pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840 to exempt property owned by Charlotte Grange 398 from education and municipal property taxes for a period of five years commencing in FY 06/07. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: The vote to authorize the town to raise $10,000 in taxes to deposit into the Improvement and Repair Reserve Fund failed by a paper vote 109 to 62.

ARTICLE 10: An advisory motion was passed to instruct the Governor, State Representatives and Senators to oppose any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education"; the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund.

ARTICLE 11: An advisory motion to have the Burns property maintained and managed using organic alternatives as a pesticide free zone failed by voice vote. A second advisory motion to have the Selectboard bring to town meeting next a year an Affordable Housing Fund, similar to the Conservation Fund passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned. Full text of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (MARCH 7, 2006)
ARTICLE TO ELECT TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR (1 YEAR)	JERRY SCHWARZ
SELECTMAN (2 YEARS)	EDWARD STONE
SELECTMAN (3 YEARS)	CHARLES RUSSELL
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 YEAR)	MARLENE C. MANSFIELD
AUDITOR (3 YEARS)	NANCY WOOD
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)	
ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 YEAR)	HUGH LEWIS JR.
LISTER (3 YEARS)	KAY GAULT
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 YEARS)	HEATHER L.G.MANNING
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 YEAR)	WALTER GATES
TOWN AGENT (1 YEAR)	WALTER GATES
CCS SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3 YEARS)	CLYDE BALDWIN
CCS SCHOOL DIRECTOR (2 YEARS)	DAVID HILL
CHARLOTTE LIBRARY TRUSTEE (5 YEARS)	DENISE DANYOW
TOWN CLERK (3 YEARS)	MARY A. MEAD
TOWN TREASURER (3 YEARS)	MARY A. MEAD

CCS SCHOOL BUDGET	**IN FAVOR**	**485**	AGAINST	420
CCS FUND BALANCE	**IN FAVOR**	**709**	AGAINST	187
LAND USE REGULATIONS	**IN FAVOR**	**597**	AGAINST	277
CONTRACTOR'S YARD	**IN FAVOR**	**633**	AGAINST	224

ESTIMATED
2007-2008 TAX RATE CALCULATION
MUNICIPAL & EDUCATION

				TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL GRANDLIST 2007 (estimate)				**6,624,780**
TOWN BUDGET	2,305,538			
General Fund		1,430,538		
Less Revenue		(774,055)		
Less Current Use (estimate)		(75,000)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			581,483	
Highway Fund		875,000		
Less Revenue		(195,890)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY			679,110	
Conservation Fund(.02)			132,496	
Fire & Rescue Capital Fund (.025)			165,620	
Affordable Housing Fund			40,000	
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN			**$1,598,709**	**0.2413**
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE				
Friendship Lodge	136,100			
Charlotte Grange	138,100			
Veteran's Exemptions	240,000			
Total Assessed Values		**514,200**		
Education taxes to be raised		**514,200 X 1.6278 = $3158.86**		
Local Agreement tax rate	**3158.86/ 6,624,780 =**			**.0005**
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE				**.2418**
STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES				
Nonresidential Property Base Rate		$1.39		
Adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal (88.48%)				**1.5710**
Homestead Property Base Rate		$0.90		
Per Pupil Spending				12,380
Statewide base education payment per equalized student				7,736
District Spending Adjustment	12,380/7,736			1.60031
Effective Homestead Tax Rate	0.90 x 1.60031			1.4403
Adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal (88.48%)				**1.6278**
Total Tax Rate – Homestead Properties				**1.8696**
Nonresidential Properties				**1.8128**
Anticipated % Increase from 06/07 (Homestead)				**3%**
(Non-Residential)				**5.6%**