WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2006

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 7, 2006 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 15,2006 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

Article 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $2,343,928 for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 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 increase the tax rate by no more than two cents for a period of ten years to maintain a Conservation Fund?

Article 6: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the tax rate by two and one half cents for deposit in the Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve Fund?

Article 7: Will the Town vote 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?

Article 8: Will the Town vote to exempt property owned by Charlotte Grange 398 from education and municipal taxes for a period of five years commencing with FY06/07?

Article 9: Will the Town vote to raise taxes to put $10,000 in the Improvement and Repair Reserve Fund?

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to put $10,000 in the Improvement

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Charlotte instruct the Governor and our 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? Advisory motion only.

Article 11: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to approve amendments to the Charlotte Zoning Bylaws and Charlotte Subdivision Bylaws, which will be consolidated into unified development bylaws entitled Land Use Regulations for the Town of Charlotte, Vermont, all as approved by the Selectboard on January 30, 2006? (Copies of the amended bylaws are available for review at the Town offices)

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to approve amendments to the Charlotte Zoning Bylaws to allow Contractor's Yard as a conditional use in the Commercial Districts and to amend the Planned Unit Development requirements in the Commercial Districts, as proposed in a petition signed by at least five percent of voters and submitted to the Planning Commission on November 15, 2005 and as approved by the Selectboard on January 9, 2006? (Copies of the amended bylaws are available for review at the Town Offices).

Article 14: To elect Town Officers.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2006 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Eleanor Russell, Chair — Charles Russell — Ed Stone

Jennifer Cole — Francis Thornton

Received for record this 31st day of January, 2006.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2005

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

MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM in the Charlotte Central School Multi-Purpose Room. Town officers and the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw Amendments were voted on by Australian Ballot with results on the following page. The polls were open from 7Am until 7 PM.

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 Sec. 4773.

ARTICLE 3: There was a discussion of the increase in spending on legal fees with respect to VELCO. An amendment was made to remove $4661 from the total budget which was the annual request of funds from the VNA. The amendment failed and the Selectboard budget of $1,959,153 passed by voice vote.

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 article to increase the tax rate by two cents to deposit into the Conservation Fund was ruled out of order by the Moderator because it had already been voted on by the Town and approved in 1996 for a period of ten years.

ARTICLE 6: This article was tabled until after Article 8 was discussed and voted on. After a lengthy debate the town authorized the Selectboard to increase the tax rate by 2.5 cents for deposit in the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 7: The town voted to raise taxes to put $10,000 in the Improvement & Repair Reserve Fund, passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: The town authorized a sum not to exceed $140,000 from the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new ambulance with the proceeds from the sale of the old ambulance to back to the reserve fund, passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: The town voted to spend the funds in the Thorpe Barn account, approximately $9200, for the restoration expenses of the barn without raising any matching funds, passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: An advisory motion was passed to ask the VT Legislature to investigate whether the call of the National Guard to active service and deployment in Iraq has been in conformance with the US Constitution and Federal laws, including the 2002 Congressional Resolution on Iraq, and to study the impact of such deployment on the ability of the Guard to perform its mission in Vermont.

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

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL & EDUCATION
2005-2006

			TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL GRANDLIST 2005		6,407,873	
TOWN BUDGET	1,959,153		
General Fund	1,173,153		
Less Revenue	(684,900)		
Less Current Use	(57,397)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		430,856	
Highway Fund	786,000		
Less Revenue	(200,890)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY		585,110	
Repair & Improvement Fund		10,000	
Conservation Fund(.02)		128,157	
Fire & Rescue Capital Fund (.025)		160,197	
Deficit 04/05		75,000	
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN		**$1,389,320**	
TOTAL TOWN TAX RATE FOR 2005/6			***0.2168**

STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES

Nonresidential Property Base Rate	**$1.51**	
Adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal (106.48%)		**$1.4181**
Homestead Property Base Rate	**$1.02**	
Per Pupil Spending		$11,280.87
Statewide base education payment per equalized student		$6975.00
District Spending Adjustment	11,280.87/6975.00	1.61733
Effective Homestead Tax Rate	1.02 X 161.733	164.9677
Adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal (106.48%)		**1.5493**

Total Tax Rate – Homestead Properties	**1.7661**
Non-Residential Properties	**1.6349**

*** The original town tax rate was calculated at .2237 based on a different grandlist number. Since the $75,000 deficit was slightly underestimated, the tax rate was not changed & the total tax rates for homestead & non-residential properties were 1.773 and 1.6418, respectively.**

Total taxes billed for Town & School	**$11,131,252**
Total taxes billed after homestead declaration changes	**$11,164,104**