WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2009

The legal voters of the Town of Charlotte are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Charlotte Central School Multi-Purpose Room in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 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 Multi-Purpose Room 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 16, 2009 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

Article 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $2,432,517 for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 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 municipal tax rate by one and one half cents ($0.015) for deposit in the Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve Fund in fiscal year 2009-2010?

Article 6: Will the Town convey by gift approximately three (3) acres in the southwest corner of the Burns property to Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity for the construction of three affordable dwelling units?

Article 7: Advisory motion only: Will the Town conserve the clayplain forest on the Burns property, consisting of approximately 15 acres?

Article 8: Will the Selectboard explore the construction of a public or community facility or facilities for the purpose of providing wastewater disposal for residential and commercial use in West Charlotte village?

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

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to approve amendments to the Town of Charlotte Land Use Regulations as approved by the Selectboard on January 29, 2009? (Copies of the amended bylaws are available for review at the Town offices)

Article 11: To elect Town Officers.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2009 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Charles Russell, Chair

Ed Stone

Jennifer Cole

Francis Thornton

Winslow Ladue

Received for record this 30th day of January, 2009.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Charles Russell (Chair), Edward Stone, Frank Thornton, Jennifer R. S. Cole & Winslow Ladue
MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM in the Charlotte Central School Multi-Purpose Room. 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 17, 2008 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773.

ARTICLE 3: The Selectboard 's budget of $2,421,700 passed by voice vote after an amendment to delete $25,000 from the traffice enforcement line failed 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 vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate by two cents for deposit in the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund was tabled until after consideration of Article 6, the vote on whether to purchase a mid-size attack pumper truck for $180,000.

ARTICLE 6: The town voted to authorize the Selectboard to use $180,000 from the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing an all-wheel drive mid-size attack pumper truck, passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Article to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate by two cents for deposit in the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund in FY08/09 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: The vote to raise $12,000 from municipal taxes in FY08/09 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a generator in the Charlotte Senior Center for use during emergencies failed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Under other business, Hugh Lewis Sr. was recognized by the Town for his many years of service and commitment as the Town Constable. An advisory motion passed authorizing the use of salt on Charlotte roads to be at the discretion of the Road Commissioner. An advisory motion passed requesting the Selectboard to establish an Investment Policy for town funds. An advisory motion was passed that would require non-profit organizations that request funding to present to the Selectboard tax returns and current financial reports along with a petition from the organization for those funds. Vote by paper ballot;Yes-67, No-56.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM. The full text of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

2008-2009 TAX RATE CALCULATION
MUNICIPAL & EDUCATION

				TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL GRANDLIST 2008			**9,123,865**	
TOWN BUDGET	2,421,700			
General Fund		1,520,450		
Less Revenue		(799,005)		
Less Current Use		(69,722)		
Less Surplus (07/08)		(70,000)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			581,723	
Highway Fund		901,250		
Less Revenue		(195,890)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY			705,360	
CONSERVATION FUND (.02)			182,477	
FIRE & RESCUE CAPITAL FUND (.02)			182,477	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (as voted 3/6/2007)			40,000	
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN			**$1,692,037**	**.1855**
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE				
Friendship Lodge	182,200			
Charlotte Grange	197,600			
Total non-resident exemptions	**379,800**			
379,800 X 1.2489=			$4743.32	
Veteran's Exemptions	**180,000**			
180,000 X 1.2535=			$2256.30	
Total education taxes to raise=			$6999.62	
Local Agreement Tax Rate	$6999.62/9,123,865=			**.0008**
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE				**.1863**
EDUCATION TAX RATES				
Homestead tax rate				**1.2535**
Non-Residential tax rate				**1.2489**
TOTAL EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL TAX RATES				
HOMESTEAD				**1.4398**
NON-RESIDENTIAL				**1.4352**