WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2010

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 2, 2010 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 15, 2010 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

Article 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $2,504,178 for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 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 2010-2011?

Article 6: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate in order to deposit $40,000 per year into the Charlotte Housing Trust Fund for a period of five years commencing with FY10/11?

Article 7: Will the Town vote to create a reserve fund ("Charlotte Trails Fund") for the purpose of providing funds for the development of trails for recreational use?

Article 8: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate in order to deposit $25,000 per year into the Charlotte Trails Fund for a period of three years commencing with FY10/11?

Article 9: Advisory motion only: Will the Town investigate locating a staffed Chittenden Solid Waste District drop-off facility within Charlotte to

receive trash, recyclables and re-usables directly from households (commercial waste haulers will be prohibited)?

Article 10: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 11: To elect Town Officers.

Article 12: Shall the bonds of the Town of Charlotte in an amount not to exceed $1,200,000 be issued for the purpose of acquiring approximately fifty-one (51) acres of land currently owned by Richard LeBoeuf that adjoins the Charlotte Town Hall?

Dated this 27th day of January, 2010 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Charles Russell, Chair

Ed Stone

Jennifer Cole

Francis Thornton

Winslow Ladue

Received for record this 29th day of January, 2010.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2009

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

MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:03AM 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 16, 2009 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773.

ARTICLE 3: The Selectboard 's budget of $2,432,517 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: Article to authorize the Selectboard to increase the municipal tax rate by one and one half cents for deposit in the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Article to convey by gift approximately three acres in the southwest corner of the Burns property to Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity for the construction of three affordable dwelling units passed by paper ballot 156 yes to 63 no. There was a discussion to give preference to Charlotte residents during the selection process for housing, those amendments failed.

ARTICLE 7: An advisory motion to have the Town conserve the clayplain forest on the Burns property, consisting of approximately 15 acres passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Article to allow the Selectboard to 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 passed by a hand count, 94 yes to 63 no.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. An advisory motion made by Debbie Ramsdell to advise the Vermont Legislature to pass a bill to replace criminal penalties with a civil fine for adults who possess one ounce or less of marijuana passed by voice vote. Ruah Swennerfelt made an advisory motion to request that the Vermont Legislature to hold the Entergy Corp which purchased Vermont Yankee in 2002, responsible to fully fund the plant's clean-up and decommissioning when the reactor closes, as the corporation pledged to do when it purchased Vermont Yankee. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm. The full text of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

2010-2011 TAX RATE ESTIMATE
MUNICIPAL & EDUCATION

			TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL GRANDLIST 2010	**9,279,373 (0% inc. from 2009)**		
TOWN BUDGET			
General Fund	1,602,928		
Less Revenue	762,808		
Less Current Use	70,000(estimate)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		770,120	.0830
Highway Fund	901,250		
Less Revenue	(189,337)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY		711,913	.0767
CONSERVATION FUND (.02)		185,587	.02
FIRE & RESCUE CAPITAL FUND (.015)		139,191	.015
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND		40,000	.0043
(as voted 3/2/2010)			
CHARLOTTE TRAILS CONSTRUCTION FUND		25,000	.0027
(as voted 3/2/2010)			
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN		**1,871,811**	**0.2017**
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE			
Friendship Lodge	182,200		
Charlotte Grange	197,600		
Total	**379,800**		
379,800 X 1.3687/100	**$5198.32**		
Homestead veterans exemptions	210,000		
210,000 X 1.3969/100	**$2933.49**		
Total education taxes to raise	**$8131.81**		
Local Agreement Tax rate	$8131.81/$9,279,373	**0.0009**	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE			**.2026**

STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES

Nonresidential Property Base Rate(estimate)	1.372
Adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal(100.24%)	**1.3687**
Homestead Property Base Rate(estimate)	0.882
Proposed CCS rate	0.9589
Proposed CVU rate	0.438
Total Homestead Education Tax rate	**1.3969**

TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE (EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL)	**1.5995**
TOTAL NONRESIDENTIAL TAX RATE (EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL)	**1.5713**

This is an estimate based on no increase in the grandlist, estimated education base rates of .882 for homestead and 1.372 for non-residents and based on the passing of town & school budgets and all warned articles.