WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2005

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 1, 2005 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, 2005 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

Article 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $1,959,153 for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 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 two cents for deposit in the Conservation Fund?

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

Article 7: Will the Town vote to raise taxes to put $10,000 in the Improvement and Repair Reserve Fund?

Article 8: Will the Town vote to expend a sum not to exceed $140,000 from the Fire and Rescue Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new Ambulance, to be used by Charlotte Fire and Rescue Inc., with the proceeds from the sale of the old ambulance to go to the Fire and Rescue Reserve Fund?

Article 9: Will the Town vote to spend all monies (approximately $9,200) held in the Thorp Barn Matching Fund on the Thorp Barn restoration with no match?

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

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 11: 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 26, 2005? (Copies of the amended bylaws are available for review at the Town Offices.)

Article 12: To elect Town Officers.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2005 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Charles Russell, Chair

Eleanor Russell

Ed Stone

Jennifer Cole

Francis Thornton

Received for record this 26th day of January, 2005.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2004

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Charles Russell, (Chairman), Eleanor Russell, Jennifer Cole, & Paul Arthaud

MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM in the Charlotte Central Multi-Purpose Room. The officers were elected by Australian Ballot with the 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 after a discussion about legal fees and unanticipated expenses.

ARTICLE 2: Article was passed by voice vote to have property taxes payable 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 $1,970,634 was amended to take $150,000 for the Fire & Rescue Capital Fund & $100,000 for the Conservation Fund out of the budget, raising those monies by adding .03 and .02 to the tax rate. The budget was further amended by adding $110,000 to the road commissioner's expenses for gravel. The final budget of $1830,634 was 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 for the next fiscal year passed without discussion.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to establish the Improvement and Repair Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed $25,000, with the Selectboard being authorized to expend monies in such fund for improvements and repairs to town buildings and property without further voter approval with the board providing a list of town assets.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to make the terms for First Constable and Second Constable two-year terms.

ARTICLE 7: Voted not to allow the use of voting machines (optical scanning machines) for registering and counting of votes.

ARTICLE 8: The Town voted to establish a Recreation Reserve Fund to be used to improve and construct recreation facilities: $6500 for the purpose of upgrading the fenced in play area at the town beach including a purchase of play equipment for preschool children: no single expenditure will exceed $50,00 before it comes back to the town for a vote.

ARTICLE 9: *Advisory only.* Voted to advise our Governor and State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a universal and comprehensive health insurance which is publicly financed and will reduce costs by eliminating most administrative expensive.

ARTICLE 10: To transact other business. None came forward.

Meeting adjourned. Full text of Town Meeting Minutes available at the Town Clerk's Office.

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

				TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL GRANDLIST 2005			6,425,007	
(estimated 2% increase)				
TOWN BUDGET	1,959,153			
General Fund		1,173,153		
Less Revenue		(684,900)		
Less Current Use		(46,000)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			442,253	
Highway Fund		786,000		
Less Revenue		(200,890)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY			585,110	
Repair & Improvement Fund			10,000	
Conservation Fund(.02)			128,500	
Fire & Rescue Capital Fund (.03)			192,750	
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN			**$1,358,613**	**0.2115**
TOTAL TOWN TAX RATE FOR 2005/6				**0.22**

STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES (estimates-using 2004 state base rates & base education payment)

Nonresidential Property Base Rate	**$1.54**	
Adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal (106.48%)		**$1.4463**
Homestead Property Base Rate	**$1.05**	
Per Pupil Spending		$11,314
Statewide base education payment per equalized student		$6800.00
District Spending Adjustment	11,314/6800	166.382%
Effective Homestead Tax Rate	1.05 X 166.382%	1.7470
Adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal (106.48%)		**1.6407**
Total Tax Rate – Homestead Properties		**1.8607**
Total Tax Rate - Nonresidential Properties		**1.6663**

% Increase from 04/05 **17.59% (Homestead)**
10.95% (Nonresident)

*** The 106.48% CLA is the calculation for 2005, it is not an estimate**