WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2002

The legal voters of the Town of Charlotte are herby notified and warned to meet at the Charlotte Central School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 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, 2002 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

ARTICLE 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $1,611,233 for the fiscal year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 less anticipated revenues?

ARTICLE 4: Will the Town vote to appoint the position of Town Constable for a two (2) year term?

ARTICLE 5: 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 6: Will the Town vote to expend a sum not to exceed $3,000 from the Recreation Fee Fund for the purpose of upgrading the skating rink?

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town vote to expend a sum not to exceed $10,000 for the maintenance of the Little League Fields adjacent to the Berry Farm?

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to expend a sum not to exceed $40,000 to pave the Senior Center and Fire Station parking lot out of unspent funds approved for the Town sewer project?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town vote, on an advisory basis, to create a one week grace period after the due date of November 15th, during which a 1% penalty is assessed on unpaid property taxes, increasing to an 8% penalty on November 23rd?
Note : This article is advisory only.

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town vote, on an advisory basis, to recommend that the Town of Charlotte, State of Vermont, the United States of America and the United Nations use the Earth Charter to guide decision making on issues of local, state, national and international importance?
Note: This article is advisory only.

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town vote, on an advisory basis, to urge the state legislature to replace Vermont's voting law for statewide elections with a system that allows voters to rank their candidate choices so that, without the need for a separate runoff election, the candidate preferred by the majority of voters is elected?
Note: This article is advisory only.

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town vote, on an advisory basis, to request that our legislators and Congressional representatives support the mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered foods and seeds, as well as a moratorium on the further growing of GE crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are no longer harmful to our health, the environment and the survival of family farms and request that our Selectboard declare a moratorium on the use of genetically engineered seeds in the Town as a step towards making Vermont a GE-free planting zone by the 2003 growing season?
Note: This article is advisory only.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town amend and readopt the Town of Charlotte Comprehensive Plan as approved by the Selectboard on January 28, 2002? (Copies of the amended Comprehensive Plan approved by the Selectboard are available at the Town Clerk's Office).

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town adopt the Telecommunication Towers and Facilities Bylaws Amendment to the Town of Charlotte Zoning Bylaws as approved by the Selectboard on January 28, 2002? (Copies of the amended Telecommunication Towers and Facilities approved by the Selectboard are available in the Town Clerk's Office).

ARTICLE 16: Will the Town vote, on an advisory basis, to recommend that the Selectboard authorize the Road Commissioner to increase the use of salt on Town roads?
Note: This article is advisory only.

ARTICLE 17: To elect Town Officers.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2002 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Robert Mack Jr. (Chair)

Charles Russell

Paul Arthaud

James Sheldon-Dean

Debbie Ramsdell

Received for Record this 1st day of February, 2002.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 7, 2001

SELECTBOARD: Robert Mack Jr. (Chairman), John Rosenthal, Clark Hinsdale III, Charles Russell & Jim Sheldon-Dean
MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the Charlotte Central School Gymnasium. The officers were elected by Australian Ballot with the results listed on the following page. The polls were open from 7AM until 7PM.

Article 1: Reports of the Town Officers were accepted after a brief discussion.

Article 2: Article was passed to have taxes payable on or before November 15, 2001 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773.

Article 3: The Selectboard's Budget of $1,507,048 was passed by a voice vote. Expenditures for the Senior Center, Charlotte Land Trust, planning & zoning fees, assistant clerk salary & library salaries were discussed.

Article 4: Approval was given by voice vote for $20,000 to be expensed from the Conservation Fund for the Charlotte Land Trust in order to complete the land sales at the former Burns property.

Article 5: The Town approved by voice vote an amendment to Article 5 providing $15,000 in matching funds for the restoration of the Thorp Barn. The original request had been for $7,500 in matching funds.

Article 6: Approval was given to by voice 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 7: Article was passed by voice vote 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 2001, pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840.

Article 8: The Town approved a sum not to exceed $1,500 from the recreation fee fund for the purchase of a new raft for the beach. Motion passed by voice vote

Article 9: All discussions under Article 9 are advisory motions to the board. Changing the day that Town Meeting is held was discussed, 107 were in favor of the traditional Tuesday and 77 voted for a Saturday meeting.

A motion was made to increase the membership of the Conservation Fund Committee from three to seven. The motion failed by voice vote.

A motion was made to support an ethics ordinance for the Town. The motion passed, 107 in favor and 57 opposed.

An advisory motion was made and passed to encourage townspeople to limit the use of pesticides and other pollutants.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:58 AM. (Complete minutes recorded in the Town Clerk's Office).

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF TAX RATE
MUNICI[AL & EDUCATION
2001-2002

			TAX RATE
GRANDLIST 2001	3,803,101		
EDUCATION GRANDLIST 2001	3,805,539		
TOWN BUDGET $1,507,048			
GENERAL FUND	$845,248		
Thorp Barn(4/7/01)	15,000		
Less Revenue	(448,150)		
Less Current Use	(38,306)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		$373,792	.0983
HIGHWAY FUND	$661,800		
Less Revenue	(175,000)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND		$486,800	.128
CONSERVATION FUND (.02)		$ 76,062	0.02
SEWER CONSTRUCTION (.02)		$ 76,062	0.02
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN		$1,012,716	0.267
STATE EDUCATION DOLLARS TO RAISE		$4,111,338	1.081
LOCAL EDUCATION DOLLARS TO RAISE		$3,052,093	0.802
TOTAL EDUCATION TAX RATE			1.883
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE			0.267
TOTAL EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL TAX RATE 2001/2002			**2.15**