WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2011

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 1, 2011 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, 2011 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773?

Article 3: Will the Town adopt the Selectboard's budget of $2,700,420 for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 less anticipated revenues?

Article 4: Will the Town vote pursuant to 32 VSA Sec. 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 FY11/12.

Article 5: Will the Town vote pursuant to 32 VSA Sec. 3840 to exempt property owned by the Charlotte Grange 398 located on Spear Street from education and municipal property taxes for a period of five years commencing with FY11/12.

Article 6: 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 7: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to use not more than $405,000 from the Fire & Rescue Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a replacement for the 1990 Fire Dept. Heavy Rescue Truck?

Article 8: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 9: To elect Town Officers.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2011 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Board of Selectmen

Charles Russell, Chair

Ed Stone

Jennifer Cole

John Owen

Winslow Ladue

Received for record this 24th day of January, 2011.

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2010

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Charles Russell (Chair), Edward Stone, Jennifer R. S. Cole
Winslow Ladue & 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 15, 2010and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773.

ARTICLE 3: The Selectboard 's budget of $2,504,178 was amended by Clark W. Hinsdale III, decreasing it by $71,661 to $2,432,517. The amendment carried, 145 – in favor, 80 – opposed.

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.

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 increase the municipal tax rate in order to deposit $40,000 per year for a period of five years commencing with FY10/11 was amended to one year instead of five years. Amendment carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: The town voted to create a Charlotte Trails Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing funds for the development of trails for recreational use. The article passed 69 – in favor, 56 – opposed.

ARTICLE 8: Article 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 failed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Advisory motion to investigate locating a staffed Chittenden Solid Waste District drop-off facility within Charlotte to receive trash, recyclables and re-useables directly from households was amended to only approve if it comes back to the town for a vote. The advisory motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM. The full text of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

2011-2012 TAX RATE ESTIMATE
MUNICIPAL & EDUCATION

				TAX RATE
MUNICIPAL GRANDLIST 2011		**9,263,019 (0% inc. from 2010)**		
TOWN BUDGET	**2,700,420**			
General Fund		1,799,170		
Less Revenue		877,550		
Less Current Use		75,000(estimate)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			846,620	0.0914
Highway Fund		901,250		
Less Revenue		(189,337)		
TOTAL HIGHWAY			711,913	.0769
TOTAL DOLLARS TO RAISE FOR TOWN			**1,558,533**	**.1683**
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE				
Friendship Lodge		182,200		
Charlotte Grange		197,600		
Total		**379,800**		
379,800 X 1.3606/100		**$5167.56**		
Homestead veterans exemptions		180,000		
180,000 X 1.3463/100		**$2423.34**		
Total education taxes to raise		**$7590.90**		
Local Agreement Tax rate	$7590.90/$9,263,019		**0.0008**	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE				**.1691**

STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES

Nonresidential Property Base Rate(estimate)	1.35
Adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal(99.22%)	**1.3606**
Homestead Property Base Rate(estimate)	0.87
Proposed CCS rate	0.9176
Proposed CVU rate	0.4287
Total Homestead Education Tax rate	**1.3463**

TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE (EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL) **1.5154**

TOTAL NONRESIDENTIAL TAX RATE (EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL) **1.5297**

This is an estimate based on no increase in the grandlist, estimated education base rates of .87 for homestead and 1.35 for non-residents and based on the passing of town & school budgets and all warned articles.

2010-2011 Tax rates are 1.5256(Homestead) & 1.5288(Nonresidential)