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.