



Town of Charlotte

ESTABLISHED 1762

December ____, 2014

At a Selectboard Meeting on _____, the board approved to engage Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, PC, as legal counsel to assist the Delinquent Tax Collector in connection with the tax sale scheduled for _____.

Selectboard Members

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Mary Mead

From: Robert Fletcher <RFletcher@firm SPF.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 11:06 AM
To: Mary Mead
Subject: Attorneys' Fees

Thanks for calling this morning.

The language I was recalling is in 32 VSA 5258 –

“expenses actually incurred by the tax collector for legal assistance in the preparation for and conduct of [the] sale when authorized by the selectboard.” So, if the SLB authorizes us to assist with the preparations for and conduct of the sale, and the sale occurs, the fees and expenses are recoverable.

Bob

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December 8, 2014

Dean Bloch, Town Administrator
Town of Charlotte
PO Box 119
Charlotte, VT 05445-0119

Re: Increase in Professional Service Rates

Dear Dean:

We are writing to advise you of a change to our rates for professional services, our first change in three years. Since 2012, we have worked diligently to manage our expenses and control our costs. However, the cumulative effect of increases in our costs of operation requires adjustment of our professional fees. Accordingly, beginning July 1, 2015, our professional services will be billed at the following rates:

Owners:	\$190.00 per hour;
Associates:	\$160.00 per hour; and
Paralegals:	\$ 60.00 per hour.

By communicating this increase to you now, we hope that you have sufficient time to take these adjusted rates into account as you prepare your upcoming budget.

We will continue to charge for mileage at the then-current rate set by the Internal Revenue Service, with time spent traveling on your behalf being charged at one-half of the applicable hourly rate. Our copying charges will remain fifteen cents (\$.15) per page unless the copying is done by an outside service because of the volume of the copying job or the requirements for presentation. Long distance phone charges will continue to be billed at our cost, without mark-up.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Naturally, if there is anything we can do to improve our service or our service delivery, please let us know. We are thankful for the continuing opportunity to provide you with legal services and counsel, and greatly appreciate your trust and confidence.

Sincerely,

STITZEL, PAGE & FLETCHER, P.C.

By:


Robert E. Fletcher

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