

**ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017**

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Lane Morrison (Chair), Jacob Spell, Matt Krasnow, Fritz Tegatz & Carrie Spear

MODERATOR: Jerry Schwarz

Jerry Schwarz called the meeting to order at 9:00AM 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, 2017 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA § 4773.
- ARTICLE 3:** Article was passed by voice vote to exempt property owned by Charlotte Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Inc. from education and municipal property taxes for a period of five years commencing with FY17/18, pursuant to 32 VSA Sec. 3840.
- ARTICLE 4:** Article 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 FY17/18 failed by paper ballot (45 – yes, 128 – no).
- ARTICLE 5:** Article was passed by voice vote to approve the Selectboard's budget of \$3,046,847 for FY17/18 of which an anticipated sum of \$1,672,291 will be raised by taxes and an anticipated sum of \$1,374,556 will be raised by non-tax revenues. Approval shall not become effective until budget is adopted by Australian ballot vote, pursuant to the requirements of the Town of Charlotte Charter.
- ARTICLE 6:** Article was passed by voice vote to approve raising \$40,000 by taxes, in addition to those raised pursuant to Article 5, to be allocated to the Trails Reserve Fund. Approval shall not become effective until further approval by Australian ballot vote, pursuant to the requirements of the Town of Charlotte Charter.
- ARTICLE 7:** Article was passed by voice vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.
- ARTICLE 8:** Article to authorize the Selectboard to borrow no more than \$85,000 from the Charlotte Housing Trust Fund for a maximum of sixteen years for the purpose of constructing an extension to the Thompson's Point wastewater system to serve seven lots on Lane's Lane failed by paper ballot (69 – yes, 75 – no).
- ARTICLE 9:** The Advisory Article to authorize an allocation of unused existing capacity of the municipal wastewater system in the West Charlotte village for private uses within the village as provided by 24 VSA Sec. 3625 in a manner where all costs are borne by private users passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 10:** An Advisory motion by Susan O'Hanian was passed by voice vote to authorize the Charlotte Selectboard Chair to submit a resolution to the US House of Representatives to authorize and direct the House Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump.

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Meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM. The full text of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

**BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (MARCH 7, 2017)
ARTICLE 11 TO ELECT TOWN OFFICERS**

AUDITOR (3 YEARS)	JENNIFER COLE
TOWN & SCHOOL MODERATOR (1 YEAR)	ED STONE
SELECTMAN (2 YEARS)	FRANK TENNEY
SELECTMAN (3 YEARS)	FRITZ TEGATZ
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 YEAR)	MARY A. MEAD
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)	CHRIS FALK
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (2 YEARS)	VICTORIA ZULKOSKI
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (1 YEAR)	SUSAN O'HANIAN
ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 YEAR)	HUGH LEWIS JR.
LISTER (3 YEARS)	MOE HARVEY
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 YEARS)	VACANCY
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (2 YEARS)	VACANCY
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 YEAR)	VACANCY
TOWN AGENT (1 YEAR)	VACANCY
CCS SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3 YEARS)	SUSAN NOSTRAND
CCS SCHOOL DIRECTOR (2 YEARS)	ERIK BEAL
CCS SCHOOL DIRECTOR (1 YEAR)	SUE THIBAULT
CVU SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3 YEARS)	LORNA JIMERSON
CHARLOTTE LIBRARY TRUSTEE (5 YEARS)	NAN MASON

ARTICLE 12: \$625,000 Fire Truck Bond IN FAVOR – 581 AGAINST – 249

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (APRIL 11, 2017)

ARTICLE 5: \$3,046,847 Budget	IN FAVOR – 379	AGAINST – 93
ARTICLE 6: \$40,000 Trails	IN FAVOR – 285	AGAINST - 190