WARNING
TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2020

The legal voters of the Town of Charlotte are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Charlotte Central School Multi-Purpose Room, 408 Hinesburg Road in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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 voters of the Town vote, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4773, to have Property Taxes payable on or before November 16, 2020 and to have payments made to the Town Treasurer as receiver of taxes?

Article 3: Will the voters of the Town approve the Selectboard's budget of $3,423,165 for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in addition to those monies raised pursuant to Article 4 and Article 5 if any, of which an anticipated sum of $1,963,357 will be raised by property taxes and an anticipated sum of $1,459,808 will be raised by non-tax revenues, which approval shall not become effective until the voters approve such budget by Australian ballot vote in accordance with the requirements of the charter of the Town of Charlotte?

Article 4: Will the voters of the Town approve raising the sum of $57,000 by property taxes, in addition to those monies raised pursuant to Article 3 and Article 5 if any, to be allocated to the Trails Reserve Fund, which approval shall not become effective until the voters further approve this Article 4 by Australian ballot vote in accordance with the requirements of the charter of the Town of Charlotte?

Article 5: Will the voters of the Town approve raising the sum of $17,992 by property taxes, in addition to those monies raised pursuant to Article 3 and Article 4 if any, to be distributed to the not-for-profit organizations identified on page 21 of the Town Report specifically as requested by those organizations, which approval shall not become effective until the voters further approve this Article 5 by Australian ballot vote in accordance with the requirements of the charter of the Town of Charlotte?

Article 7: (To be voted by paper ballot) Will the voters of the Town authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard, who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32 V.S.A.?

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

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 9: To elect Town Officers.

Article 10: To elect Directors for the Champlain Valley School District.

Dated this ___ day of January, 2020 at Charlotte, Vermont.

Town of Charlotte Selectboard

Matthew Krasnow, Chair

Frank Tenney, ~~Vice Chair~~

Fritz Tegatz

Carrie Spear

Louise McCarren

Received for record this 28th day of January, 2020

Mary A. Mead, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS
For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 2, 2020. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 12, 2020.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us.**

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REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots for the Town Meeting Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 2, 2020. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

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- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)
If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.
If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.
If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:
- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:
- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.
LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.