



2020
WARRANT

The inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown in the County of Sullivan in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Time: 9 AM

Location: Town Hall

Details: 19 Summer St

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Time: 8 AM to 7 PM

Location: Charlestown Senior Center

Details: 223 Old Springfield Rd

We certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2020, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting (Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road) and at Charlestown Town Offices, 233 Main Street, and that an original was delivered to Patricia Chaffee, Town Clerk.

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Article 01 Fire Station Construction and Building Renovation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900,000 for the purpose of the construction of a new fire station and renovations to other public buildings, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,900,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. First payment to be made in 2021. (3/5 ballot vote required)

The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 02 Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,800,184? This is amount represents \$4,993,266 for the Town Operating budget, \$455,686 for the Water Fund operating budget and \$351,232 for the Sewer Fund operating budget. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,427,818 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

*The default budget represents \$4,648,082 for the Town operating budget, \$451,377 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$328,359 for the Sewer Fund operating budget.

Note this warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 03 Fire Truck Lease-Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a 10 year lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of a new Pumper/Tanker Truck for the Fire Department at a total cost of \$616,764.50. And further to appropriate and accept a \$40,000 donation from the Old No. 4 Fire & Hose Company to be used in 2020 as a down payment on the principal cost of the Pumper/Tanker Truck, and further raise the appropriate the sum of \$105,510 as the first year's payment of principal and interest. This lease-purchase agreement shall contain a non-appropriation or "escape" clause providing that should the scheduled lease payment not be appropriated in future years, the equipment will be returned to the lessor with no further obligation or liabilities on behalf of the Town. (Majority vote required)

The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.



Article 04 Transfer Station Roll Off Truck C/R

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,962 to be added to the Transfer Station Roll Off Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established under Article 9 at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

Article 05 Real Estate Reappraisal C/R

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Real Estate Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund previously established under Article 6 at the 2011 Annual Town meeting for the purpose of a reappraisal of all real estate in the Town as required by law every five years. The next revaluation is expected to be a full one in 2021, as required by N.H. RSA 75:8-a. (Majority vote required.)
The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 06 Ambulance Equipment Maintenance Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Ambulance Equipment Maintenance Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for regular maintenance on Ambulance Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)
The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 07 Support of the Senior Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the support of the Charlestown Senior Center. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. (Majority vote required).
The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 08 Emergency Communications Improvements C/R

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Emergency Communications Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established under Article 11 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. (Majority vote required.)
The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.



Article 09 Fall Mountain Withdrawal Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of funding transitional and communication expenses associated with efforts to withdraw from the Fall Mountain Regional School District. (Majority vote required)
The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 10 Fort at #4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the support of the Fort at #4. (By petition)
The Selectboard recommend this appropriation
The Finance Committee recommend this appropriation.