



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Patricia Chaffee
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

For Three Years Vote for not more than Two

TRISH PATRICK

NANCY HOUGHTON

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**TOWN CLERK /
TAX COLLECTOR**

For Three Years Vote for not more than One

PEGGY JELLIE

PATRICIA CHAFFEE

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

For Three Years Vote for not more than One

BARBARA K. HEWES

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For Three Years Vote for not more than Two

CLIFFORD J. STARK

MILINDA J. SCOTT

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For One Year Vote for not more than One

JAMES RANDALL LUPOLT

MEG LAMBERT

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For Three Years Vote for not more than One

DIANE TOWN

ROBERT L. DAVIS

(Write-in)

TREASURER

For One Year Vote for NOT MORE THAN ONE

LINDA A. STEWART

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

For Three Years Vote for not more than Two

STACY A. HASSETT

ALAN D. PUTNAM

BILL RESCSANSKI

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For Three Years Vote for not more than Three

ADAM JAMES CHOQUETTE

SARAH ANNE DAVIS

TRINA ROYCE

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For Two Years Vote for not more than One

ROBERT L. DAVIS

(Write-in)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For One Year Vote for not more than One

STEVEN A. NEILL

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

**Article 02
Building Code Amendment**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendment to the existing Town of Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board: Amend Section 8.4.12 General Provisions to prohibit new manufactured housing parks in Charlestown. (The Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment.)

Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments are on file and available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Deliberative Session and at the polls.

YES

NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 03
Planning & Zoning Regulations Amendment**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendment to the existing Town of Charlestown Zoning Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board: to amend Section 8 (Permitted Uses), Part 8.5.6 (Zone D-Watershed Protection Area) and Part 8.5.7 (Zone E- Mixed Uses) to specify that multifamily housing is a permitted use by Special Exception in Zone D and is a permitted use in Zone E. (The Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment.)

YES
NO

Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments are on file and available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Deliberative Session and at the polls.

Article 04

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of NH RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentives?

YES
NO

**Article 05
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 \$6,415,201. This amount represents \$5,434,932 for the Town Operating budget, \$550,761 for the Water fund operating budget and \$429,508 for the Sewer fund operating budget. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,224,082 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 \$5,350,327 for the Town operating budget \$445,977 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$427,778 for the Sewer Fund operating budget.

YES
NO

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budgets) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

**Article 06
Establish a Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Bridge Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance, construction or reconstruction of municipally owned bridges and to raise and appropriate \$94,232 to be put into the fund, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance; further to name the Selectboard and Highway Superintendent as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised by taxation.
(Majority vote required)

YES
NO

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

**Article 07
Acworth Road Culvert Project**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500 for the purpose of replacing a culvert on a town property accessed via a right of way from 1110 Acworth Road to allow better access to the Town Forest. Funds shall come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

**Article 08
Modify All and Optional Veteran's Tax Credit**

Shall the Town approve the readoption of the All Veterans' Tax Credit and Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, in accordance with (RSA 72:28b) and (RSA 72:2811), of \$500 with expanded eligibility for armed forces service members that are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharge from their service in the armed forces. Note: The readoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit and Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$500 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veteran's that qualify under the current requirements of (RSA 72:28b) but as of April 1, 2023, eligibility would also expand to include those armed forces service members that have not yet been discharged from active service. Note: If this article does not pass, the readoption of the All Veterans' Tax Credit and the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit will fail for all eligible recipients and the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 under RSA 72:28-1 will take effect as of April 1, 2023. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 09

Emergency Communications Improvements CIR Fund

To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, 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 for the purpose of acquiring, replacing or repairing emergency services communications equipment or improvements. (Majority vote required.)

YES
NO

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

Article 10

Establishment of Fees

To see if the Town will authorize, per RSA 41:9a, the Selectboard may establish or amend fees or charges for the purposes for the issuance of licenses, or permits, or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility described in RSA 41:9-a, II. Such a vote shall continue in effect until rescinded. (Majority vote required.)

YES
NO

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

Article 11

Silsby Library Masonry Project

To see if the town will vote to appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$12,138 or the total remaining capital fund balance, whichever is greater, for the purpose of building masonry and restoration work at the Silsby Library, and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$12,138 or current balance from the Silsby Library/Municipal Building Masonry Restoration and Preservation Capital Reserve Fund established under article 8 at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI (d) and RSA 32:7, V. No part of this appropriation is to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required).

YES
NO

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

Article 12

Elected Fire Chief

Shall the Town vote to make the position of Fire Chief an elected position pursuant to the provisions of RSA 154:1 paragraph III, with the Fire Chief being elected by the membership of the firefighters of the Charlestown Fire Department. Firefighters shall be appointed by the Fire Chief. If approved, this article shall take effect (1) year from the date of the vote pursuant to the provisions of RSA 154:1, IV. (Majority vote required) (By Petition)

YES
NO

The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 13

Decrease Selectboard to Three members

Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to 3 members? (Majority ballot vote required) (By Petition)

YES
NO

The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 14

Fort #4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to help support the Fort at No. 4, a non-profit organization, in their endeavors to bring history alive in Charlestown. (Majority vote required). (By Petition)

YES
NO

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETE VOTING THIS BALLOT