



Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To elect the necessary Town Officers for their respective terms.

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.

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.)

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

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

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.

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)

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 Acworth Rd to allow better access to the Town Forest. Funds shall come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

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 72:28II), 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 reapdooption 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-I will take effect as of April 1, 2023. (Majority vote required)

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

**Article 09 Emergency Communications Improvements
C/R 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.)

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 41:9-a, 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.)



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 \$6,000 for the purpose of building masonry work at the Silsby Library, and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$6,000 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. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required).

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 affect (1) year from the date of the vote pursuant to the provisions of RSA 154:1, IV. (Majority vote required) (By Petition)

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)

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)

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

Article 15 Any all other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.