



Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To elect the necessary Town Officers for their respective terms.

Article 02 Sign Ordinance 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 the sign regulations to remove content-based regulations.

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 New Fire Station

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000 for the construction of a new public safety building to house the Fire Department; \$3,500,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq, as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, with the intention of the Selectmen to seek and obtain such grant and/or other funding such as through the USDA Rural Development program and other funding sources in order to reduce the amount necessary for bonding; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity of the other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any actions or pass any vote relative thereto. This is a petition article. 3/5 ballot vote required.

The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.
The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 04 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 \$6,659,150. This amount represents \$5,612,881 for the Town Operating budget, \$604,781 for the Water Fund operating budget and \$441,488 for the Sewer Fund operating budget. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,439,793, 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 \$5,409,154 for the Town operating budget \$595,578 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$435,061 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 05 Community Power Plan

Shall the Town adopt the Charlestown Community Power plan, to authorize the Selectboard to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Charlestown Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. This article has no tax impact.

The Selectboard recommends this article.

Article 06 Establish Transfer Station Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase and maintenance of Transfer Station Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. Recommendations Required (Majority Vote Required)

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

Article 07 Add Funds to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,652.00 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, previously established under Article 06 at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of maintenance, construction or reconstruction of municipal bridges, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

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

Article 08 Lease/Purchase of Transfer Station Roll Off Truck

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a five (5) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$200,000, to finance the purchase of a Roll Off Truck for the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,784.00 for the first year's payment under the lease/purchase agreement. The annual payments under the lease shall be \$44,784.00. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

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

Article 09 To Discontinue Spur of Borough Road

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to discontinue, completely and absolutely, the so-called Borough Road Spur, with a beginning at its intersection with the main Borough Road located at the northernmost point of Parcel #220-012 and proceeding south-easterly therefrom. Meaning and intending to completely and absolutely discontinue the section of the Borough Road Spur not previously discontinued by vote of the 1898 town meeting "to discontinue the road leading from E.M. Megrath's in an easterly direction to Acworth town line."

The Selectboard recommends this article.



Article 10 Add Funds to Emergency Comms. CRF

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 11 Discontinue Silsby Library Masonry CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Silsby Library/Municipal Masonry Restoration and Preservation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Transfer of Funds to the Silsby Library Trustees

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1331.00 for the purpose of building maintenance for the Silsby Library. This appropriation is to be funded from the Town's unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article shall be null and void if the Town does not vote to approve Article 11 concerning the discontinuance of the Silsby Library Masonry Project Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Authorize Sale of Town Property

To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required)

The Selectboard recommends this article.

Article 14 To Support the Charlestown Senior Center

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 in 2024 in addition to the annual budget allocation and a total of \$7,000 each consecutive year for the purpose of supporting the Charlestown Senior Center (This is a Petition Article)

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.



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	04	\$200,813	\$266,709	\$231,791	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$3,720	\$6,355	\$17,431	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	04	\$407,178	\$438,243	\$428,320	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$40,856	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	04	\$97,014	\$96,223	\$103,663	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$298,052	\$294,902	\$286,298	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$142,975	\$158,996	\$127,110	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	04	\$87,367	\$79,060	\$94,044	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	04	\$14,208	\$21,096	\$18,516	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$1,292,183	\$1,401,584	\$1,347,173	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	04	\$1,079,584	\$1,124,400	\$1,153,403	\$0
4215	Ambulances	04	\$87,387	\$99,414	\$99,753	\$0
4220	Fire	04	\$146,540	\$159,358	\$215,260	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	04	\$5,792	\$7,328	\$5,932	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	04	\$91	\$450	\$450	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$1,319,394	\$1,390,950	\$1,474,798	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$781,024	\$1,346,112	\$1,468,643	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$25,589	\$25,000	\$26,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	04	\$1,406	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$808,019	\$1,375,112	\$1,496,643	\$0



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Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	04	\$206,270	\$213,974	\$203,490	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$112,470	\$119,381	\$122,000	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sanitation Subtotal		\$318,740	\$333,355	\$325,490	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$1,118	\$900	\$1,700	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	04	\$62,454	\$64,966	\$63,204	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$63,572	\$65,866	\$64,904	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	04	\$87,765	\$61,017	\$66,836	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Welfare Subtotal		\$87,765	\$61,017	\$66,836	\$0



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Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	04	\$58,992	\$64,276	\$64,331	\$0
4550	Library	04	\$156,776	\$165,899	\$172,718	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$218,768	\$233,175	\$240,049	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	04	\$5,302	\$5,600	\$1,500	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	04	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$22,500	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$5,302	\$28,100	\$6,500	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$46,982	\$46,983	\$45,198	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	04	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$131,982	\$138,983	\$137,198	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$414,290	\$414,290	\$443,290	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	04	\$14,500	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$428,790	\$429,290	\$453,290	\$0



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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	04	\$429,508	\$429,508	\$441,488	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	04	\$550,761	\$550,761	\$604,781	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$980,269	\$980,269	\$1,046,269	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$6,659,150	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4903	Buildings	03 <i>Purpose: New Fire Station</i>	\$3,500,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	14 <i>Purpose: To Support the Charlestown Senior Center</i>	\$2,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06 <i>Purpose: Establish Transfer Station Equipment CRF</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07 <i>Purpose: Add Funds to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$24,652	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10 <i>Purpose: Add Funds to Emergency Comms. CRF</i>	\$3,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$3,534,652	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$44,784	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Lease/Purchase of Transfer Station Roll Off Truck</i>		
4903	Buildings	12	\$1,331	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Transfer of Funds to the Silsby Library Trustees</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$46,115	\$0