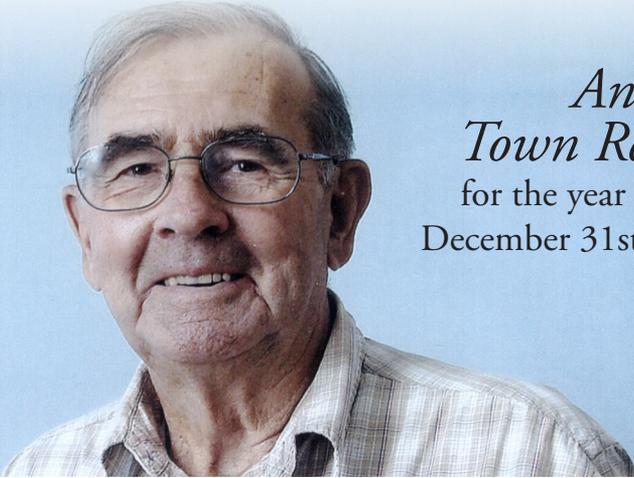
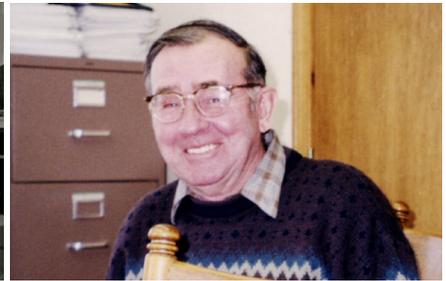


CHARLESTON VERMONT



*Annual
Town Report*
for the year ending
December 31st, 2019

Remembering Richard Colburn, Sr.



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Closed Wednesdays and Fridays. Other hours by appointment.
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Listers.....895-2814
charlestonlisters@comcast.net
Road Foreman/Town Garage.....895-2932
Charleston Elementary School.....895-2915
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Second Constable/Animal Control.....
Town Fire Warden (Burn permits).....723-4549
State Police Barracks, Derby.....334-8881
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.....334-3333
Fire, Ambulance, Police.....911

Selectboard

Meetings are held at the Town Clerk's Office on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 pm. Open to the public. Minutes are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's and at www.charlestonvt.org. Business may be brought to the Selectboard at a meeting or by submitting written comments via the Town Clerk.

Planning Commission

Meetings are held quarterly at the Town Clerk's Office at 6:30pm. 2020 schedule: March 12, June 11, September 10, and December 10. Business may be brought to the Planning Commission at a meeting, by submitting written comments via the Town Clerk, or by email to charlestonplanningcommission@comcast.net

Public Posting Locations

Notices and agendas for regular and special meetings, elections and the like are posted at the Town Clerk's Office, East & West Charleston Post Offices, Charleston Elementary, Scampy's Deli and www.charlestonvt.org

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Town Officers

ELECTED POSITION	TERM	OFFICER	EXPIRES
Moderator	1 Yr	Jean Wilson	2020
Town Clerk & Treasurer	3 Yrs	Teri Gray	2022
Selectboard	3 Yrs	Larry Young	2020
		Glenn Peterson (<i>resigned</i>)	2021
		Peter Moskovites	2022
Listers	3 Yrs	Robert Wilson	2020
		Jean Wilson	2021
		Steve Wilson	2022
Town Auditors	3 Yrs	Janice Bowen	2020
		Michael Morelli	2021
		Diana Marckwardt	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 Yr	Grace Frizzell	2020
First Constable	2 Yrs	Jonathan Bruce	2021
Second Constable	1 Yr	Crystal Langmaid (<i>resigned</i>)	2020
Cemetery Commissioners	5 Yrs	Sherman Allen, Jr.	2020
		Wayne Bowen	2021
		Martin Davis	2022
		Dean Bennett	2023
		Nancy Rice	2024
School Directors	3 Yrs	Pat Austin	2020
		Heather Wright	2021
		Kristen Watson	2022
Town Agent	1 Yr	Julianne Woolard	2020
N.C.U.H.S. Director	3 Yrs	Peter Moskovites	2021
ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION	TERM	OFFICER	EXPIRES
Justices of the Peace	2 Yrs	Peter Engels	1/31/2021
		Carolyn Hannan	1/31/2021
		Terry Rollins	1/31/2021
		Samantha Stevens	1/31/2021
		Jean Wilson	1/31/2021

Town Officers cont.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Road Commissioner	Peter Moskovites, Larry Young, Glenn Peterson <i>(resigned)</i>
Road Foreman	Bernie Pepin
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer	Colleen Kellogg
Town Fire Warden	Blair Moulton
Town Grand Juror	Tom Jensen
Tree Warden	Justin Taft
Fence Viewers	Blair Moulton Darald Moulton <i>(open seat)</i>
Poundkeeper	Crystal Langmaid <i>(resigned)</i>
Surveyor of Wood & Coal	Michael Currie
Health Officer	Martin Davis <i>(term ends 1/31/2020)</i>
Truant Officer	Orleans County Sheriff
Welfare Officer	Julie Lamoreaux
911 Coordinator	Jean Wilson
NVDA Representative	Michael Gonyaw
NEKWMD Representative	Pat Austin
Planning Commission	John Kellogg, Chair Blair Moulton, Clerk Hap Eliason Eleanor Leger Carmen Murray
Community Solar Oversight Committee	Hap Eliason, Tom Jensen, Colleen Kellogg, Diana Marckwardt, Terry Rollins
Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee	Pat Austin, Meghann Carter, Tom Jensen, Colleen Kellogg, John Kellogg, Jamie LeClair, Bruce Melendy, Duane Moulton, Bernie Pepin, Glenn Peterson, Larry Young

Important Dates

2020

- 1/20 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/17 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/22 2019 Town Reports available
- 3/3 2020 Town Meeting & Presidential Primary, 10:00 am at Charleston Elementary
- 4/1 Deadline to License Dogs w/o late penalty
- 4/15 Deadline to file VT Income Tax Return, Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Claim
- 5/1 Deadline to apply to VT Office of Veterans Affairs for property tax exemption
- 5/2 GreenUp Day, drop off bags at Town Office
- 5/25 Memorial Day – Town Office Closed
- 7/2 Independence Day Observed – Town Office Closed
- 8/1 2020 Property Tax Bills mailed (approximate)
- 8/11 Statewide Primary Election at Town Office
- 9/7 Labor Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/12 Indigenous People's Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/21 Town Office OPEN 8-3 for payment of property taxes
- 10/23 Property Tax payments due to Town Clerk by 5 pm, (Office OPEN 8-5)
- 11/03 General Election at Town Office
- 11/10 Veterans Day Observed - Town Office Closed
- 11/26 Thanksgiving – Town Office Closed – NO Selectboard Mtg
- 12/24 Christmas – Town Office Closed – NO Selectboard Mtg
- 12/31 New Year's – Town Office Closed

2021

- 1/18 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/15 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 3/2 2021 Town Meeting

Town Clerk Services

Dog Licenses: Licenses are available by Feb 1st of each year, and ALL dogs must be licensed by April 1st. Fee is \$9.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$13.00 for intact dogs. Must present certificate of current rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter. Late fees apply after April 1st.

Green Mountain Passports: Persons 62 or older are eligible to apply for a Green Mountain Passport, which provides free admission to Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites. Contact the office for further information.

Land Posting: If you wish to post your land you must file a form at the Clerk's office annually for a cost of \$5.00. If you post your land for the first time in March, your posting expires the following March, and you must file a new form. Guidelines for "legal posting" are available with sign location and size.

Land and Historical Records: Property and other official records are available for self-service viewing during normal business hours. If you require assistance, please call ahead.

Marriage Licenses: Marriage licenses can be issued up to 60 days prior to the event for a fee of \$60 plus \$10 for your own copy. For questions about getting married in Vermont, contact Dept. of Health at 863-7275 or 800-439-5008.

Notary: Notary services are available to Charleston taxpayers and residents at no cost. Please call ahead.

Property Tax Payments: The Clerk will accept tax payments in person or by mail up to the 5:00pm October 23, 2020 deadline. At that time, unpaid taxes are placed in the hands of the delinquent tax collector, subject to penalties. Please note that post markings are not acceptable as payable dates.

Recording: Documents for recording in the Charleston Land Records can be mailed or presented in person along with the \$15 per page fee. Please note the new fee amount.

Vehicle Registration Renewals: The Town Clerk's Office is able to renew selected registrations and give temporary "R" stickers. If your registration is up for renewal and there are no changes other than address change, you may renew at the Town Clerk's Office during regular hours. Payment by check to the VT Department of Motor Vehicles for renewal fee, as well as a \$3.00 payment to the Town is required.

Vital Records: Certified copies of Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates are available for \$10 each. Beginning July 1, 2019, an application must be filled out to obtain certified copies of a birth or death certificate.

Teri Gray, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Voter Registration & Elections

Eligible residents are able to register to vote at the Town Clerk's office on any day up to and including Election Day during regular hours. The Clerk's Office appreciates advance registration whenever possible. **APPLICANTS MUST REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE TOWN OR CITY WHERE THEY CURRENTLY RESIDE.**

You may also register to vote online at **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**

First Time Registering by Mail or Online

If you are registering to vote in Vermont for the first time by mail or online, you must include a scan or photocopy of an acceptable form of ID. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license or passport)
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Another government document

Once you are registered to vote, you may update your information, request an absentee ballot, or print a voter registration certificate online at My Voter Page **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**

Am I eligible to register to vote?

To be eligible to vote in Vermont you must: (Eligibility requirements are in 17 V.S.A. § 2121, 2122)

1. be a citizen of the United States;
2. be a resident of Vermont and a resident of the town in which you apply to be added to the checklist; (OR be a military or overseas voter qualified under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act whose last place of residence in the United States immediately prior to moving overseas was in a Vermont town or city);
3. take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath; and
4. be 18 years of age or older or will be 18 on or before the day of election.

2020 Charleston Elections

Mar 3 Town & School District Annual Meeting, Charleston Elementary School, 10:00 am until all business is concluded

Mar 3 Presidential Primary, Charleston Elementary, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Aug 11 Statewide Primary Election, Town Clerk's Office, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Nov 3 General Election, Town Clerk's Office, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Can I attend Town Meeting if I am not a registered voter?

Charleston residents and property owners who are not voters are encouraged to attend Town Meeting, however, you may not vote on any measure. Non-voters may not comment on any business unless they are given permission by a majority of voters present.

Poll Workers Needed

Poll workers are always needed on election days to check in voters, process voter registrations, and count ballots. Equal representation from the major political parties is preferred. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk.

Road Right-of-Way & Policies

The Town's ROW. Vermont law gives towns a legal maintenance right-of-way (ROW) on all Town highways, which extends 24.75 feet in either direction from the center of the road. Within the ROW, the Town has the authority to perform maintenance like ditching, cutting trees, and altering the roadbed as needed. State law also specifies that items are placed in the ROW at the owner's risk, and the Town assumes no responsibility for damage to these items—this includes mailboxes.

State Mandates. The Town is obligated to maintain road drainage networks—road crown, ditches, and culverts—according to new state standards. Proper drainage means fewer washouts, fewer costly repairs over time, and less road pollution and sediment in our waterways. The Selectboard has adopted the following policies to make sure the Town highway department can perform needed maintenance.

Driveway Culvert Policy: It is the responsibility of a property owner to buy, install, and maintain driveway culverts. For ANY driveway entering a town highway, property owners must consult with the Road Foreman, who will determine the required culvert specifications (never smaller than 15 inches in diameter per state standards). If a property owner fails to install the appropriately sized culvert, the town highway crew may cut a ditch across the driveway to maintain proper road drainage. (*adopted June 11, 2015*)

ROW Fencing Policy: Fencing in the Town ROW is installed at the owner's risk. Fencing installed in the ROW, or which blocks access to the ROW, must be removed upon request of the Road Foreman for maintenance and construction projects. In such cases, the Road Foreman will notify the property owner of the deadline to remove fencing. If fencing is not removed, it will be removed by the highway crew or contractor, and the Town is not responsible for damage incurred. Owners are responsible for reinstalling fencing and must install it outside of the ROW. The Town cannot take responsibility for damage caused by necessary snow-plowing, so it is strongly recommended that fences be taken down before winter. (*adopted 12/14/2017*)

Policy on Utilities in the ROW: Any cable or utilities installed under the road or within the Town's highway ROW must be buried at a minimum depth of four feet below the level of the road or ditch to allow the highway crew to perform routine ditching and culvert replacement without interrupting residents' services. Keep in mind that 'Dig Safe' does not detect low voltage cables, like telephone and television cables. (*adopted 12/14/2017*)

No Plowing of Snow Across Highways. State law prohibits plowing, blowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a Town or state highway. It also gives Towns authority to levy fines and penalties, and to hold violators liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of this snow. By law, the actual cost for the specific equipment and manpower used to remove this snow may be charged to the private property owners, with a minimum charge of one hour per Road Department personnel and equipment.

WINTER SAND: Use of sand from the Town's pile for any commercial purpose is prohibited; individual residents may take sand for the own use. The Selectboard currently permits residents to fill a 5-gallon pail or two for deicing your driveway. Please bring bucket(s) and a shovel.

Charleston Community Solar Array

At the end of 2019, the Charleston Community Solar (CCS) array had operated for 18 months. Net metering credits generated are applied monthly to VEC accounts for Charleston Elementary School (CES), Charleston Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD), streetlights, Clerk's Office, and Town Garage. CES and CVFD contribute the dollar amount of their credits to the town each month, to help the town make the annual solar loan payment—the first of which was made in November 2019.

Two goals for the project are to (1) engage the town in sustainable energy production, and (2) not increase overall electricity costs. Long term, the town can expect a period of “free” electricity after 20 years when the loan is paid and the array is still in production.

Revenue & Expenses

Revenue and Expenses for the project during July 2018 through December 2019 are shown below. Revenue includes (1) taxes raised for electricity and (2) net metering “reimbursements” from the school and fire department. Expenses include the loan payment, maintenance costs, and payments to VEC for (1) account fees not eligible for credits and (2) electricity use at times when no credits are available.

Town Electricity & Solar Array Revenue & Expense

Revenue (Jul '18 - Dec '19)

Net Metering Reimbursement from CES & CVFD	19,063.54
Taxes Raised for Electricity	10,624.49
Total Revenue	29,688.03

Expense (Jul '18 to Dec '19)

Payments to VEC	4,106.22
1st Annual Loan Payment	20,873.62
Total Expense	24,998.10

Revenue - Expense Jul 2018 – Dec 2019 \$ 4,689.93

The 2018-2019 fall/winter saw more than expected cloudy/snowy days in which the array did not produce electricity, and the four VEC accounts received less than maximum net metering credits during the months of February–May 2019. Even so, the Revenue-minus-Expense figure above shows that the town is under budget for 2019 electricity costs.

Effect on Electricity Costs

Thus far, overall town electricity costs have been less in the years since the installation of the solar array compared to previous years. (Electricity costs for the school and fire department remain the same as they would be without the array.) It should be noted that electricity costs appear low for 2019 because the town benefited from 18 months of net metering credits, rather than the standard period of one year.

Town Electricity Costs by Year

	Before Solar Project			Solar Project	
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Town Office	1,697.98	1,535.28	1,714.78	1,481.30	1,304.21
Street Lights	5,139.23	4,762.34	5,452.67	3,369.70	1,418.54
Town Garage	1,333.84	1,237.49	1,597.06	1,600.00	794.94
Solar Array Acct Fee	-	-	-	18.26	219.12
Loan payment, less net-metering reimbursement	-	-	-	-	1,810.08
Annual Total \$	8,1717.05	7,535.11	8,764.51	6,469.26	5,546.89

Looking Ahead

As we entered Winter 2019-2020, fall/winter electricity production exceeds this time last year, as shown in the comparison at right.

Electricity production is weather-dependent and can vary throughout the year and from year-to-year. To keep track of how the array is doing, visit charlestonvt.org, and select ‘Departments’ then ‘Community Solar.’

Net Metering Credits Earned

Month	2018	2019
September	1,766.95	1,825.20
October	873.77	1,378.61
November	271.84	446.59

Recycling Options

The Town of Charleston no longer provides curbside recycling pickup.

Please contact your trash hauler to find out about recycling services in your area.

Local rubbish haulers include:

- Austin’s Rubbish & Roll-off, Charleston, 895-4889
- Dave’s Rubbish, Newport, 766-8042

Charleston residents can also drop off recycling at local facilities. Guidelines are posted on charlestonvt.org. Select ‘Town Office & Resources,’ then ‘Recycling & Waste.’

Casella Waste, Coventry, 334-8300

Zero-sort recycling can be dropped off during residential hours at a cost of \$.75 for a 13-gallon bag and \$1.50 for a 30-gallon bag. Detailed list of accepted and prohibited items available from the Town Clerk’s Office, or Casella. Hours are M–F 7:00 am –3:30 pm, Sat 8:00 –11:30 am.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, Lyndonville, 626-3532

Sorted recycling can be dropped off at the Lyndonville facility, 224 Church Street, on Wednesday from 8am – 4pm and Saturdays from 8am – 3pm. Detailed sorting guidelines available from the Town Clerk’s office or NEKWMD, online at nekwmd.org.

Dog Licenses - IT'S THE LAW!

Avoid late fees by licensing your dog on or before April 1st

All dogs must be licensed in their town per state law. Dog licenses expire April 1st of each year. Please make sure your dog has a current rabies vaccination and certificate signed by a veterinarian.

License fees:

- Spayed or Neutered dogs are \$9.00 on or before April 1st;
- Dogs not spayed or neutered are \$13.00 on or before April 1st.

2019 Dog Licenses Sold (194 dogs were licensed in 2019)

On or Before April 1	Cost	Qty	Total Fees
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	9.00	88	792.00
Intact Dogs	13.00	13	169.00
Kennel License (up to 10 dogs)	56.00	2	112.00
Kennel License (extra dog)	3.00	2	6.00
After April 1			
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	11.00	50	550.00
Intact Dogs	17.00	15	255.00
New Neutered Dogs	9.00	8	72.00
New Intact Dogs	13.00	1	13.00
Total Due for Dog Licenses			\$1,969.00
Total Collected			
Town License Fees			1,092.00
State License Fees			877.00
Total Dog Fees Collected			\$1,969.00

Pet Dealers

A breeder/kennel selling 3 or more litters per year is required to obtain a Pet Dealer permit.

Charleston Dog Ordinance

A Town Dog Ordinance authorizes the Constable/Animal Control Officer to issue tickets and fines for failing to license, for having a dog running at large (on any street, school property, or on any land owned, used or occupied by another), or for otherwise allowing a dog to be a nuisance to others. These range from \$100 for a first offense up to \$500 with impoundment of the dog for repeat offenses. The full text of the Dog Ordinance can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

2019 Vital Statistics

Births



Dante Dalley to Justice Jones & Michael Dalley	February 2019
Atreus Tetreault to Selina Crowe & Chad Tetreault	March 2019
Liam Carpenter to Alyssa Lamadeleine & Curtis Carpenter	April 2019
Sophia Vanasse to Chelsea & Logan Vanasse	April 2019
Kolton Morse to Amber & Rene Morse	April 2019
Brielle Richards to Shelly Abbott & Christopher Richards	September 2019
Brysen Foster to Brittany Hunt & Mark Foster	September 2019

Civil Marriages



Heather Sheltra to Troy Bowen	2/10/2019
Jeffrey Gerrow to Wanda Gerrow	4/22/2019
Alyssa Ashman to Eric Scott Jr.	5/7/2019
Amanda Martin to Alfred Duckless	6/29/2019
Cassandra Carter to Bryan Hill	9/13/2019
Desirae Carr to Steven Bascetta	9/14/2019
Erika Silano to Jeremy Pinkham	9/28/2019
Tammy Hatley to Brian Richardson	10/5/2019

Deaths



Donald H. Ingerson	age 80	1/25/2019
Edith J. Gonyaw	age 81	1/31/2019
George S. Murphy	age 64	3/9/2019
Edward V. Boncek	age 94	3/31/2019
Bruce E. McQuaide	age 65	4/18/2019
Victor E. Brunelle	age 71	7/20/2019
Earline G. Gray	age 90	8/17/2019
Linere G. Silloway	age 68	8/27/2019
Paul W. Blow	age 72	8/31/2019
Sue A. Ward	age 69	9/20/2019
Richard A. Colburn Sr.	age 92	10/1/2019
Reginald A. Whitehill	age 89	10/20/2019

2020 Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Charleston are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Charleston Elementary School Building on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 am to transact the following business from the floor.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To elect all officers required by law:

- Selectboard member for a term of 3 years
- Selectboard member for 1 year remaining of a 3-year term
- Lister for a term of 3 years
- Auditor for a term of 3 years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year
- Second Constable for a term of 1 year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years
- Town Agent to serve until the next annual meeting and until a successor is chosen

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes with a final due date of Friday, October 23, 2020, with the policy of turning over to the delinquent tax collector taxes not physically received by the Treasurer in the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on October 23, 2020, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment?

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$874,043.75 for selectboard, highway, and cemetery operating expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2020, of which \$662,527.94 shall be raised by taxes and \$211,515.81 by non-tax revenue?

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to transfer the 2019 Road Surplus of \$5,820.04 to the Road Equipment reserve fund?

Article 6. Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,179.96 to the Road Equipment reserve fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$12,574 to the following organizations, which received appropriations of the same amount in 2019, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?

2020 Town Meeting Warning

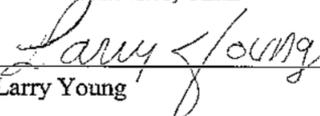
- a. \$500 to Charleston Historical Society for support of the museum and collection
- b. \$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association for milfoil prevention programs
- c. \$800 to North Woods Stewardship Center for conservation and education services
- d. \$1,100 to Dailey Memorial Library for services to residents
- e. \$700 to Island Pond Library for services to residents
- f. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation for transportation services to residents
- g. \$500 to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy for mentoring individuals with developmental disabilities
- h. \$200 to Orleans County Child Advocacy for the Special Investigations Unit serving child victims of violence
- i. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging for services to elder and disabled Vermonters
- j. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services
- k. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for care of unwanted pets
- l. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice for community nursing and health programs
- m. \$50 to GreenUp Vermont for the statewide cleanup event and bags
- n. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Dry Hydrant Program
- o. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids for performances for local students
- p. \$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims

Article 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2020



Peter Moskovites, Chair



Larry Young

Selectboard, Town of Charleston

2020 Proposed Town Budget

REVENUES		FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget
00-6-10	Tax Revenues			
00-6-10.05	Current Property Taxes	215,026.36	201,641.97	184,415.43
00-6-10.15	Land Use/Hold Harmless	49,500.00	49,881.00	81,891.68
00-6-10.18	Delinquent Taxes	0.00	56,541.25	0.00
00-6-10.19	Delinquent Taxes Interest	0.00	2,885.55	0.00
00-6-10.20	PILOT taxes	1,181.13	1,181.13	1,181.13
00-6-10.23	Tax overpays	0.00	9,890.19	0.00
00-6-10.30	Tax Collector Fees	0.00	4,488.50	0.00
Total Tax Revenues		265,707.49	326,509.59	267,488.24
00-6-20	Permits Revenues			
00-6-20.05	2nd Class Liquor License	70.00	210.00	140.00
00-6-20.10	Marriage Licenses (State)	200.00	400.00	200.00
00-6-20.15	Marriage Licenses (Town)	40.00	80.00	40.00
00-6-20.20	Dog Licenses (Town)	900.00	1,092.00	900.00
00-6-20.25	Dog Licenses (State)	750.00	877.00	750.00
Total Permits Revenues		1,960.00	2,659.00	2,030.00
00-6-40	Fees & Other Revenues			
00-6-40.05	School Department	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
00-6-40.10	Town Clerk's Fees	8,500.00	9,778.00	8,500.00
00-6-40.15	Records Preservation Fees	700.00	2,116.00	2,000.00
00-6-40.20	Interest, Checking Acct.	500.00	2,862.47	1,500.00
00-6-40.32	Interest, Non Arbitrage	0.00	3,539.18	0.00
00-6-40.62	Prev. Yr School Tax Adjust.	0.00	15,924.76	0.00
00-6-40.80	DMV renewals	45.00	66.00	45.00
00-6-40.83	Reappraisal Transfers	0.00	21,586.93	0.00
00-6-40.85	Reappraisal Fund	0.00	7,372.00	0.00
00-6-40.90	Clerk Grants	0.00	191.04	0.00
00-6-40.91	Aquatic Nuisance (Echo)	0.00	8,563.00	0.00
00-6-40.92	Water Quality Grant (Echo)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
00-6-40.97	Net Metering	11,500.00	14,208.99	14,000.00
00-6-40.99	Misc. Fee Receipts	0.00	821.81	0.00
Total Fees & Other Revenues		24,995.00	95,780.18	29,795.00

2020 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget
00-6-50	Road Dept Revenues			
00-6-50.10	State Aid, Highways	87,800.00	88,585.66	86,800.00
00-6-50.17	Better Roads Grant	42,000.00	83,045.61	0.00
00-6-50.20	Special Highway Grants	8,717.50	98,883.99	8,218.00
00-6-50.25	Equipment Loan	0.00	125,089.00	0.00
00-6-50.35	Taxes for Roads (Hwy & CI IV)	429,551.71	429,551.71	468,112.51
00-6-50.99	Misc. Road Receipts	0.00	1,275.00	0.00
Total Road Revenues		568,069.21	826,430.97	563,130.51
00-6-60	Cemetery Revenues			
00-6-60.10	Sale of Lots	0.00	935.00	0.00
00-6-60.15	CD Interest	250.00	1,714.40	1,550.00
00-6-60.20	Dividends (Dominion)	50.00	66.08	50.00
00-6-60.25	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,550.00	0.00
00-6-60.30	Posts	0.00	315.00	0.00
00-6-60.37	Taxes for Cemetery	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Cemetery Revenues		10,300.00	14,580.48	11,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES		871,031.70	1,265,960.22	874,043.75
EXPENSES				
05-7	Selectboard			
05-7-10.00	Salaries	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
05-7-12.00	Social Sec. Exp. Board	223.20	223.20	223.20
05-7-13.00	Med Exp. Board	52.20	52.20	52.20
05-7-20.00	Advertising & Printing	1,700.00	865.15	1,700.00
05-7-26.00	Legal Services	1,200.00	1,820.00	1,500.00
05-7-27.05	Loan repayment, interest	0.00	3,280.72	0.00
05-7-31.00	Watershed Quality Exp.	0.00	13,563.00	0.00
05-7-50.00	Pit Purchase expenses	54,488.38	54,488.38	54,488.38
05-7-55.00	Planning Commission	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
05-7-99.00	Misc. Select Board Expense	500.00	952.96	500.00
Total Selectboard		63,763.78	78,845.61	64,063.78
10-7	Election Unit			
10-7-10.00	Election Officers	0.00	209.00	500.00
10-7-12.00	Election Officers SS	0.00	12.95	31.00

2020 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget
10-7	Election Unit cont.			
10-7-13.00	Election Officers Medi	0.00	3.04	7.25
10-7-21.00	Election Supplies	300.00	0.00	300.00
Total Election Unit		300.00	224.99	838.25
15-7	Finance Department			
15-7-10.00	Clerk/Treasurer Salary	37,856.00	38,968.75	39,193.50
15-7-10.05	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	18,160.00	18,051.31	18,720.00
15-7-10.10	Auditors Wages	1,000.00	798.00	1,000.00
15-7-10.20	Health Officer	60.00	0.00	60.00
15-7-10.25	Fire Warden	50.00	50.00	50.00
15-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	3,541.81	3,587.84	3,659.46
15-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	828.33	839.05	855.84
15-7-14.00	Retirement Expense	6,689.87	6,763.03	6,959.73
15-7-16.00	Workers Compensation Ins.	14,302.00	15,967.00	14,228.00
15-7-17.00	Mileage, Clerk & Ass't.	950.00	773.52	950.00
15-7-18.00	Health Insurance	0.00	322.38	3,868.56
15-7-19.00	Training/Workshops/Dues	1,437.00	822.00	1,350.00
15-7-21.00	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,052.79	2,000.00
15-7-22.00	Postage	1,200.00	1,211.49	1,200.00
15-7-23.00	Telephone	950.00	972.64	980.00
15-7-24.00	Office Equipment/Repairs	900.00	894.99	900.00
15-7-24.50	Records Preservation	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
15-7-25.00	Computer, Website, Support	2,800.00	2,961.37	6,400.00
15-7-30.00	Commercial Insurance Pkg	14,818.00	14,818.00	14,453.00
15-7-99.00	Misc. Finance Dept Expense	50.00	9,894.88	50.00
Total Finance Dept		108,693.00	120,849.04	117,878.09
17-7	Listers			
17-7-10.00	Listers' Salaries	12,600.00	24,209.00	13,400.00
17-7-12.00	Soc. Sec. Exp. Listers	781.20	1,500.98	830.80
17-7-13.00	Medicare Exp. Listers	182.70	351.03	194.30
17-7-17.00	Listers' Mileage	500.00	714.42	600.00
17-7-19.00	Listers' Professional Dev.	500.00	135.00	400.00
17-7-20.00	Listers' Postage	200.00	81.53	200.00

2020 Proposed Town Budget cont.

Listers Cont.		FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget
17-7-21.10	Listers' Supplies	200.00	103.70	200.00
17-7-22.00	BCA Tax appeals/abatement	200.00	0.00	200.00
17-7-23.00	Computer support/maps	5,000.00	2,871.25	2,100.00
17-7-25.00	Reappraisal Expenses	0.00	12,329.93	0.00
17-7-99.00	Misc. Lister Expense	0.00	412.50	0.00
Total Listers		20,163.90	42,709.34	18,125.10
20-7	Delinquent Tax Collector			
20-7-10.00	DTC Wages	6,308.00	4,488.50	4,495.37
20-7-12.00	DTC Soc. Sec. Expense	391.10	278.30	278.71
20-7-13.00	DTC Medicare Expense	91.47	65.06	65.18
20-7-17.00	DTC Mileage/Expenses	75.00	74.00	75.00
Total Delinquent Tax Collector		6,865.56	4,905.86	4,914.26
30-7	Plant (Town Office)			
30-7-21.00	Janitor & Supplies	500.00	451.75	650.00
30-7-22.00	Grounds Maintenance	400.00	185.00	400.00
30-7-28.00	Repairs & Upkeep	3,000.00	1,179.43	3,000.00
30-7-30.00	Community Solar	21,074.48	20,430.97	21,092.74
30-7-32.00	Electricity	275.00	1,304.21	1,200.00
Total Plant (Town Office)		25,249.48	23,551.36	26,342.74
35-7	Public Safety			
35-7-10.00	Law Enforcement Salary	800.00	0.00	800.00
35-7-12.00	Law Enforcement Soc. Sec.	49.60	0.00	49.60
35-7-13.00	Law Enforcement Medicare	11.60	0.00	11.60
35-7-16.00	Law Enforcement mileage	250.00	0.00	250.00
35-7-21.00	Law Enforcement Signs	200.00	0.00	0.00
35-7-25.00	911 Road Signs	1,300.00	0.00	1,000.00
35-7-32.00	Street Lights	154.56	1,418.54	1,300.00
35-7-34.00	Ambulance Service	39,252.00	39,252.00	40,430.00
35-7-35.00	Dispatch Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
35-7-44.00	Solid Waste/Recycling	5,289.00	2,488.70	920.70
Total Public Safety		47,306.76	43,159.24	44,761.90

2020 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget
45-7	Assessments			
45-7-54.00	County Tax	15,122.00	15,121.47	17,000.12
45-7-56.00	Westmore (Town Farm) Tax	150.00	139.97	150.00
45-7-57.00	Barton Pit Tax	1,900.00	1,941.41	2,000.00
45-7-58.00	VLCT Dues	2,248.00	2,248.00	2,339.00
Total Assessments		19,420.00	19,450.85	21,489.12
90-7	Fees Expenses			
90-7-36.00	Marriage Licenses (State)	200.00	400.00	200.00
90-7-38.00	Dog Licenses (State)	700.00	877.00	700.00
Total Fees Expenses		900.00	1,277.00	900.00
Total Selectboard		292,662.49	334,973.29	299,313.24
50-7	Highway Department			
50-7-10.00	Wages	170,000.00	165,367.41	175,000.00
50-7-10.05	Road Admin	5,500.00	5,858.15	6,084.00
50-7-11.00	Road Commissioner	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
50-7-11.50	Mileage	200.00	113.85	200.00
50-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	11,104.20	10,931.21	11,540.41
50-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	2,596.95	2,556.55	2,677.92
50-7-14.00	Retirement Expense	18,487.50	15,966.03	19,031.25
50-7-15.00	VLCT Unemployment Ins.	281.00	280.00	377.00
50-7-18.00	Health Insurance Expense	20,554.56	20,832.69	23,211.00
50-7-21.00	Supplies	8,500.00	8,009.62	8,500.00
50-7-22.00	Tools/Equipment	3,500.00	2,729.60	3,500.00
50-7-23.00	Telephone	800.00	782.30	800.00
50-7-24.00	Parts & Repairs	24,000.00	42,407.64	30,000.00
50-7-25.00	Technology	1,400.00	803.79	250.00
50-7-30.00	Hired Services	17,500.00	31,612.50	16,000.00
50-7-32.00	Electricity	1,600.00	1,456.71	1,600.00
50-7-70.00	Gasoline	3,000.00	123.11	500.00
50-7-71.00	Diesel & Oil	45,000.00	39,000.36	45,000.00
50-7-72.00	Tires	10,000.00	1,813.34	10,000.00
50-7-73.00	Blades & Shoes	8,000.00	2,028.17	8,000.00
50-7-74.00	Sand, Gravel, Stone, Crushing	52,800.00	54,053.00	52,800.00
50-7-74.10	Erosion Stone	0.00	0.00	15,000.00

2020 Proposed Town Budget cont.

Highway Department Cont.		FY 2019 Budget	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Budget
50-7-76.00	Chloride, Salt	40,000.00	34,944.55	40,000.00
50-7-78.00	Road Supplies	12,000.00	17,624.77	12,000.00
50-7-78.15	Road Equipment	0.00	176,832.12	0.00
50-7-78.25	Building Repairs (Garage)	5,000.00	5,421.57	5,000.00
50-7-78.30	Road Signs	2,150.00	1,150.38	2,150.00
50-7-78.50	Fire Wood	2,500.00	1,400.00	2,500.00
50-7-79.00	Paving	31,500.00	115,671.62	1,500.00
50-7-85.00	Rd Equip Loan Payment	49,405.00	49,218.93	49,218.93
50-7-87.00	Equipment Rental	2,500.00	240.00	2,500.00
50-7-88.00	Municipal Rds Gen Permit	1,590.00	1,350.00	1,590.00
50-7-99.00	Misc. Road Expenses	1,000.00	52.25	1,000.00
Total Highway Department		556,069.21	814,232.22	551,130.51
54-7	Class IV Highway Dept.			
54-7-10.00	Wages	4,000.00	1,481.21	4,000.00
54-7-30.00	Hired Services	1,500.00	977.50	1,500.00
54-7-74.00	Sand & Gravel	3,000.00	3,920.00	3,000.00
54-7-99.00	Misc Class IV	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Total Class IV Highway Dept.		12,000.00	6,378.71	12,000.00
Total Highway		568,069.21	820,610.93	563,130.51
60-7	Cemetery Expenses			
60-7-10.00	Wages	6,600.00	6,892.50	7,000.00
60-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	409.20	427.36	434.00
60-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	95.70	99.96	101.50
60-7-21.00	Flags	0.00	159.93	175.00
60-7-24.00	New Equipment	0.00	399.99	500.00
60-7-28.00	Repairs & Supplies	2,500.00	729.49	2,500.00
60-7-60.25	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
60-7-60.30	Posts	0.00	355.00	0.00
60-7-70.00	Gasoline & Oil	600.00	361.20	600.00
60-7-87.00	Fencing	0.00	0.00	100.00
60-7-99.00	Misc. Cemetery Expense	95.10	75.36	189.50
Total Cemetery		10,300.00	10,500.79	11,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/o Appropriations)		871,031.70	1,166,085.01	874,043.75

2020 Proposed Appropriations

	FY 2019 Voted	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Proposed
85-7-95	Appropriations		
Road Equipment Fund Article	0.00	0.00	14,179.96
85-7-95.10 Volunteer Fire Dept.	38,245.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
85-7-95.20 NEK Human Services	1,074.00	1,074.00	1,074.00
85-7-95.25 VNA & Hospice	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
85-7-95.30 Citizens Advocacy	500.00	500.00	500.00
85-7-95.35 NEK Council on Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00
85-7-95.55 Daily Memorial Library	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
85-7-95.60 Orleans Cty Historical	550.00	550.00	0.00
85-7-95.70 Umbrella	700.00	700.00	700.00
85-7-95.75 Charleston Hist. Society	500.00	500.00	500.00
85-7-95.80 NorthWoods Stewardship Center	800.00	800.00	800.00
85-7-95.85 Rural Community Transport	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
85-7-95.90 Orleans Cty Court Div	200.00	200.00	0.00
85-7-95.91 Orleans Cty Child Advocacy	200.00	200.00	200.00
85-7-95.94 VSO Symphony Kids	100.00	100.00	100.00
85-7-95.95 Echo Lake Milfoil Project	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
85-7-95.96 VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	100.00
85-7-95.97 Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society	500.00	500.00	500.00
85-7-95.98 Island Pond Library	700.00	700.00	700.00
85-7-95.99 Green UP Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00
Total Appropriations	51,569.00	63,324.00	76,753.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/ Appropriations)	922,600.70	1,229,409.01	950,797.71

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Charleston Elementary School

The Annual Town & School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Moderator Jean Wilson, with School Business concluding at 10:22 am. With Moderator Jean Wilson having been re-elected during School Business, business began with Article 2.

Article 2. To elect all officers as required by law.

- **Town Clerk & Treasurer:** Teri Gray nominated by Bob Devaney, second by Steve Wilson. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.
- **Selectboard:** Peter Moskovites nominated by Tom Jensen, second by Robert Cleverdon; Ed Brown nominated by Bob Devaney, second by Dan Whipple; Ron Willson nominated by Ted Taft, second by Robert Frizzell. 81 paper ballots cast: Moskovites 47; Brown 19; Willson 14; 1 spoiled. Moskovites elected for 3 years.
- **Lister:** Steve Wilson nominated by Bob Devaney, second by Nancy Engels. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.
- **Auditor:** Diana Marckwardt nominated by Tom Jensen, second by Janice Bowen. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.
- **Delinquent Tax Collector:** Grace Frizzell nominated by Nikki Simpson, second by Diana Marckwardt. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.
- **First Constable:** Jon Bruce nominated by Ed Brown., second by Bob Devaney. Unopposed; elected for 2 years.
- **Second Constable:** Crystal Langmaid nominated by Bob Devaney, second by Jon Bruce. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.
- **Cemetery Commissioner:** No nominations; will be appointed by Selectboard.
- **Town Agent:** Julianne Woolard nominated by John Kellogg; second by Penelope Newcomb. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.
- **Grand Juror:** Tom Jensen nominated by Penelope Newcomb, second by Peggy Stevens. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.

[Business was suspended briefly while Representatives Lynn Batchelor and Brian Smith were invited to address attendees.]

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Treasurer with a final due date of Friday, October 25, 2019, with the policy of turning over to the delinquent tax collector taxes not received by the Treasurer in the Town Clerk's office by October 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment. Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Penelope Newcomb. Treasurer Teri Gray said the due date is always a Friday and was October 19th last year. Vote: Ayes have it: RESULT: Passed.

[Business was suspended briefly while Jeff Johansen of Newport Ambulance Service was invited to provide a service update.]

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$871,031.70 less anticipated revenue, 2018 encumbered funds, and separately voted articles, for a net assessment of \$649,723.52, necessary to support the town's general, highway, and cemetery expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2019. Moved by Tom Jensen, second by Nancy Engels. Vote: Ayes

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have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Cindy Lyon acknowledged work done on the Durgin Rd Bridge, and asked for a better way to clear snow and avoid pooled water. Selectboard member Larry Young said the board and crew will talk about how to improve the situation.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to apply approximately \$4,500 of the 2018 Road Surplus funds totaling \$55,413.69 to replace the Town Garage wood furnace chimney, with the remaining 2018 surplus funds to be transferred to the Road Equipment Fund. Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Sue Dwelle. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Asked how this relates to Article 4, Moderator said Article 5 dealt with 2018 rather than 2019 funds. Selectperson Meghann Carter said the board proposed this in lieu of the usual \$20,000 Road Equipment appropriation and is shaping an equipment replacement schedule to plan how best to use the fund going forward.

Article 6. To see if the town will support an increased appropriation to the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department in future years to support purchase of a new tanker truck. This is a non-binding discussion item. Moved by Bob Devaney, second by Ed Brown, Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Fire Chief Duane Moulton thanked the town for continued support. With greater medical assist and rescue demands on the department, plus advanced training to meet new regulations and loss of work when on calls, there is no longer time for the fundraising done for past purchases. As more dwellings are built away from main roads, a maneuverable tanker is needed, and the 1987 truck is hard to maintain and drive safely. Treasurer Blair Moulton said the new Canadian-built truck, already used in two district towns, will cost \$175,000-180,000. With down payment funds in reserve, CVFD will finance \$140,000-150,000 for ten years, and starting next year would ask Charleston for a \$50,000 appropriation to cover the town's \$11,755 share of the annual \$16,600 loan payment for ten years. Dan Whipple added the department will also seek grants to reduce overall cost.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,245 to support the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same. Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Ed Brown. Motion by Bob Devaney to amend the amount to \$50,000, second by Terra Verge. Dan Whipple said the department was not asking for this amount in 2019 but if appropriated would apply these additional funds to the truck purchase. Vote on the amendment: Ayes have it. Amendment Carries. Vote on the article as amended 'to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to support the CVFD': Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed as amended. Several voters attested to the department's importance in providing dependable, fast help in emergencies and a desire to help them get the equipment that's needed to continue.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,324 to support the following organizations and direct the Selectboard to assess at tax over and above the budget to meet the same: a. \$500 to Charleston Historical Society; b. \$1,000 to Echo Lake Protective Association Milfoil Prevention Project; c. \$800 to North Woods Stewardship Center; d. \$1,100 to Dailey Memorial Library; e. \$700 to Island Pond Library; f. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation; g. \$500 to the Orleans County Citizen Advocacy; h. \$200 to Orleans County Child Advocacy; i. \$200 to Orleans County Court Diversion; j. \$550 to Orleans County Historical Society;

k. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging; l. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., m. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter; n. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice; o. \$50 to support GreenUp Vermont; p. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force Dry Hydrant Program; q. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids; r. \$700 to Umbrella. Moved by Dan Whipple, second by Nancy Engels. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to omit the names of delinquent taxpayers from the annual Town Report and list only the total amount of delinquent taxes due, beginning with the 2019 report. Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Bob Devaney. Linda Studer called for paper ballot, with 7 supporting. Paper Ballot Vote: 28 Yes; 48 No. RESULT: Defeated. Discussion: Treasurer Teri Gray said some taxpayers want to end the practice, but officers would only do so at the will of voters. Some voters spoke in favor, citing unnecessary shame and negative impact on those who sell their property after April 1st, and argued that the annual tax sale is a more effective incentive. Others opposed it, stating that late payment is unfair to those who pay on time, and that listing names is an incentive to pay that also lets neighbors know who needs help. It was suggested to add an asterisk next to names who are no longer property owners.

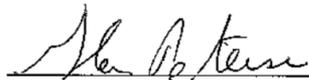
Article 10. To see if the town will approve the following declaration: Whereas the basing of the nuclear capable F-35A fighter bomber and storage of nuclear weapons at the Burlington International Airport is unacceptable due to extreme hazards inherent in the 1) storage of nuclear materials, 2) toxic waste byproducts of maintenance of the jet and its weaponry, 3) potential accidents including crashes, and 4) effectively turning this commercial airport, located in a residential community, into a military target; we the voters of Charleston demand that the F-35A fighter bomber not be based in the state of Vermont. Moved by Penelope Newcomb, second by Tom Jensen, Moderator invited those who presented the article, but no one came forward. Nikki Simpson moved to postpone indefinitely, second by Beverly Spaulding. Voice vote: Call for division. Linda Studer called for paper ballot, with 7 supporting. Paper Ballot Vote: 40 Yes; 28 No. RESULT: Passed over.

Article 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Dan Whipple said chimney fires occur at this time and encouraged residents to keep driveways wide enough for emergency vehicles. Cindy Lyon asked the Town Clerk about extending office hours to 5:00 pm one day a week; Ms. Gray said current hours plus being available for appointments at other times seems to meet town needs.

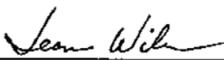
Seeing no other business, the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm. DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 5TH DATE OF MARCH 2019.



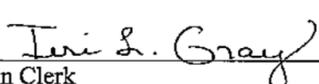
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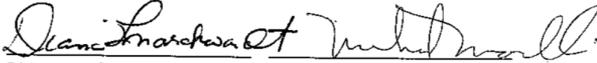
Town Clerk

Auditors Report

We have audited all Town Officers' books and find them correct as reported herein. As part of this audit, we reviewed revenues, disbursements, payroll records, and financial statements and all backup records for transactions. We believe this to be a correct statement of the condition of the Town of Charleston as of December 31, 2019. The reports may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office, Scampy's Country Store, East and West Charleston Post Offices.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of January 2020

Town Auditors


Diana Marckwardt Michael Morelli

General Fund Comparative Statement

Current Assets	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2019
General Cash Account	390,359.90	426,911.11
Revenues not yet received		
Delinquent Taxes	41,686.92	41,316.59
Lynwood Crown, use of grader	61.24	61.24
Michael Bowen, culvert	247.00	247.00
Charles Moulton, culvert	315.85	315.85
Clifford Crowe, culverts (<i>deceased</i>)	40.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	432,710.91	468,851.79
SURPLUS (Assets - Liabilities)	432,710.91	468,851.79
Increase in Surplus from previous year	98,885.03	36,140.88
Encumbered Funds		
Road Surplus	55,413.69	5,820.04
Net Metering Income (for Loan)	4,854.55	0.00
Records Preservation Fund	5,700.90	7,816.90
Constable Fund	6,965.27	6,965.27
Cemetery Funds (due to CD)	550.00	1,100.00
	73,484.41	21,702.21
Unencumbered Funds	359,226.50	447,149.58
	432,710.91	468,851.79

NOTE: The surplus is used by the General Fund for operating expenses until the current year's taxes come in.

Special Funds Balance

Road Equipment Fund

Balance January 1, 2019	85,969.36
2018 Surplus at Town Meeting	51,007.12
Interest	903.14
Balance December 31, 2019	137,879.62

Reappraisal Fund

Balance January 1, 2019	67,038.00
Add Receipts, State of Vermont	7,372.00
Deduct 2019 Reappraisal Expenditures	-28,958.93
Interest	657.75
Balance December 31, 2019	46,108.82

Statement of Indebtedness

The Town now has the following loans with Community National Bank:

Purpose of Loan	Barton Gravel Pit	2017 10-Wheel Mack Truck, Excavator & Trailer	2020 Truck Loan	2018 Solar Installation Loan	Current Operating Loan (non-arbitrage)
Date	7/16/2012	10/27/2015 <i>refinanced 2018</i>	4/02/2019	11/20/2018	1/9/2020
Principal	400,000.00	317,049.00 <i>new 190,346.95</i>	125,089	286,845.33	167,000.00
Interest Rate	1.95%	1.79%	3.00%	3.875%	2.85%
2019 Payment	54,488.38	42,889.47	19,864.55	20,873.62	0
Next Payment Date	7/26/2020	10/27/2020	11/20/2020	11/20/2020	12/31/2020
Next Payment Amount	54,488.38	29,354.38	19,864.55	20,873.62	TBD
Balance 12/31/2019	53,435.14	164,397.25	107,609.70	276,596.31	0

Statement of Assets

The Selectboard reports the following assets of the Town of Charleston in addition to those reported in the Financial Statements:

Asset	Purchase Date	Cost
Barton Gravel Pit	2012	400,000.00
Town Garage	-	246,000.00
Town Clerk's Office & Equipment	-	160,000.00
Worth Gravel Pit	2009	200,000.00
Town Farm (Westmore Acreage)	-	55,400.00
Town Farm (Charleston Acreage)	-	104,800.00
Cemeteries	-	44,200.00
Blake Lot	-	5,000.00
Loader (Volvo)	2005	120,000.00
Loader (Hough)	1977	25,000.00
2017 Mack Truck	2016	194,500.00
2015 Mack Truck	2014	186,000.00
2020 International Truck	2019	165,000.00
2017 Ford F-350 Diesel w/Plow	2017	57,755.00
2015 CAT Excavator w/attachments	2015	103,000.00
CAM Equipment Trailer	2015	18,575.00
John Deere Grader	2009	195,000.00
4 Snow Plows	-	12,000.00
Motorized Screen	2007	13,500.00
4 Sand Spreaders	-	4,500.00
Culvert Thawer	2014	7,500.00
Small tools, etc.	-	11,000.00
Custom Shoulder Retriever Attachment	2018	7,500.00
Grizzly Screen	2013	7,000.00
2 Way Radios	2012, 2016	5,400.00
Security Equipment	2014	3,600.00
Wood Splitter	-	3,000.00
Tool Cabinets	-	2,050.00
Garage Furnace	-	800.00
Tire Safety Cage	-	500.00
(2) Road Machines	-	100.00
3/4 HP Drill Press	2015	400.00
Steel Chop Saw	2014	1400.00
3/4 battery impact tools	2019	725
Husqvarna power head & broom	2019	645
75 Gal Fuel Tank	2015	400.00
Fuel Transfer Pump	2015	300.00
Wedge Locks, pair	2017	600.00

Treasurer's Report:

2019 Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Tax Receipts

2019 Property Taxes Collected	1,939,188.76
VT Property Tax Adjustment Payments	20,751.38
Current Use Change Fee Income	250.00
2019 Overpayments by Individuals	9,866.71
Current Use Hold Harmless from State of VT	49,881.00
Delinquent Taxes from Del. Tax Collector	56,541.25
Total Tax Receipts	2,076,479.10

Licenses

Liquor Licenses	210.00
Dog Licenses	1,092.00
Marriage Licenses	80.00
Total Licenses	1,382.00

Fees Received

Recording and Copies	9,778.00
Motor Vehicle Renewals	66.00
Fees for Records Preservation	2,116.00
Total Fees	11,960.00

Transfers to State of Vermont

Fees for Dog Licenses	877.00
Fees for Marriage Licenses	400.00
Total Transfer to State of Vermont	1,277.00

Delinquent Tax Collector

Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,885.55
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	4,488.50
Overpayments	23.48
Total Delinquent Tax Collector	7,397.53

Grants

Aquatic Nuisance / Watershed Grants (Echo Lake)	13,563.00
Total Grants	13,563.00

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements cont.

Miscellaneous

Charleston School District, financial services	3,750.00
Charleston School, 2018 Education Tax Refund	11,892.61
NCUHS, 2018 Education Tax Refund	4,032.15
Community National Bank, NOW account interest	2862.47
State of VT Reappraisal Fund, per-parcel payment	7,372.00
Clerk Grants	191.04
Current Use Change 2018 Income	85.00
Reappraisal Fund, Transfer to Checking	21,586.93
Solar Net Metering from School/CVFD	14,208.99
Lister Training Reimbursement from State of VT	736.81
State of VT, PILOT	1,181.13
CNB, Non-arbitrage interest	3,539.18
Total Miscellaneous	71,438.31

Total 2019 Road Receipts less Taxes (see Road Report)	396,879.26
Total 2019 Cemetery Receipts less Taxes (see Cemetery Report)	4,580.48
Total	2,584,956.68

Transfer to School Accounts as voted	1,318,996.46
Total after transfer	1,265,960.22
Add Balance, January 1, 2019	390,209.90
Total including January Balance	1,656,170.12

Deduct Disbursements:

Selectboard Orders	398,297.29
Road Dept Orders	820,610.93
Cemetery Orders	10,500.79
Total Disbursements	1,229,409.01

GENERAL FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2019	426,761.11
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Accounted for as follows:

Community National Bank NOW Checking account	426,761.11
Cash on hand	150.00
Balance December 31, 2019	426,911.11

Statement of 2019 Municipal Tax Rate

General	210,171.81
Roads	429,551.71
Cemetery	10,000.00
Veterans Exemption	4,450.41
Appropriations	63,324.00
Charleston Historical Society	500.00
Charleston Volunteer Fire Department	50,000.00
Dailey Memorial Library	1,100.00
Echo Lake Protective Association	1,000.00
Green Up	50.00
Island Pond Library	700.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	600.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	1,074.00
NorthWoods Stewardship Center	800.00
Orleans/Essex VNA & Hospice	3,000.00
Orleans County Child Advocacy	200.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	500.00
Orleans County Historical Society	550.00
Pope Memorial Animal Society	500.00
Rural Community Transportation, Inc	1,650.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	200.00
VSO Symphony Kids	100.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00
Umbrella	700.00

TOTAL BUDGET TO BE RAISED	717,497.93
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Municipal Grand List	1,102,664.00
Tax Rate for Municipal	0.650695

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	717,497.93
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Statement of Taxes Raised

Taxes Billed	Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Non-Residential Education	561,603.00	1.3968	784,447.05
Homestead Education	546,041.00	1.3379	730,548.28
General	1,101,427.00	0.1906	209,931.75
Roads	1,101,427.00	0.3896	429,115.94
Cemetery	1,101,427.00	0.0091	10,023.13
Veterans Exemption	1,101,427.00	0.0041	4,515.83
Fire Department Appropriation	1,101,427.00	0.0453	49,894.72
Svc Org Appropriations	1,101,427.00	0.0121	13,327.24
	Total Taxes Billed		2,231,803.94

Adjustments to Original Billings

Late Homestead penalty	561.79
	Final Taxes Billed
	2,232,365.73

Taxes accounted for as follows:

Property Taxes Collected by Treasurer	1,960,190.14
State Payment to School	216,233.47
Delinquent Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector	56,192.12
	<u>2,232,615.73</u>
Current Use Adjustment	-250.00
	2,232,365.73

Distribution of Treasurer's Collections

General Fund	641,193.68
School Fund	1,318,996.46
	<u>1,960,190.14</u>
	Total Distribution
	1,960,190.14

Selectboard Report

EXPENSES

Town Officers & Employees

Total Wages paid to Officers & Employees	90,374.56
Social Security paid	5,603.27
Medicare paid	1,310.38
VMERS Retirement	6,763.03
Health Insurance, Asst. Clerk	322.38
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	104,373.62

Insurance

VLCT/PACIF, Commercial Package	14,818.00
VLCT, Workers Comp. Insurance	15,967.00
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	30,785.00

Printing & Advertising

Repro, Town Reports	487.10
Kelsey Evans, Town Report Layout	280.00
The Chronicle, Newspaper Notices	98.05
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	865.15

Other Expenses

Clerk & Treasurer Supplies	2,052.79
Clerk & Treasurer Postage	1,211.49
Listers' Expenses (IT, postage, supplies, tax maps, misc.)	3,468.98
Listers' Mileage	714.42
Listers' Professional Development	135.00
Listers' Reappraisal Expenses (equip, support, hours)	12,329.93
Tax Collector's Expenses	74.00
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	19,986.61

Utilities & Upkeep

Electricity	1,304.21
Street Lights	1,418.54
Community Solar	20,430.97
Telephone	972.64

Selectboard Report cont.

Utilities & Upkeep cont.

Solid Waste/Recycling	2,488.70
Lawn Care	185.00
Records Preservation	1,100.00
Equipment & Repairs	894.99
Building Upkeep/Repairs	1,179.43
Town Office Janitorial	451.75
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	30,426.23

Taxes Paid Out

Orleans County Treasurer, County Tax	15,121.47
Town of Westmore, Town Farm Property Tax	139.97
Town of Barton, Gravel Pit Property Tax	1,941.41
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	17,202.85

Miscellaneous

Community National Bank, Tax-anticipation loan interest	3,280.72
CNB, Gravel Pit loan payment	54,488.38
Newport Ambulance Service	39,252.00
VT State Treasurer, Marriage Licenses	400.00
VT State Treasurer, Dog Licenses	877.00
VLCT, dues	2,248.00
VMCTA, dues	55.00
NVDA, dues	767.00
Legal Fees	1,820.00
Tax refunds	9,894.88
NEMRC, computer support/contract	2,085.81
Kevaco, website hosting	495.00
Tech Patrol, IT support	285.00
Quill, computer software	95.56
Clerk/Treasurer & Selectboard mileage	773.52
NorthWoods Stewardship Center, Current Use Plan Update	952.96
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	117,770.83

Selectboard Report cont.

Grant Expenses

Echo Lake Protective Association	13,563.00
	<u>13,563.00</u>

TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET EXPENDITURES	334,973.29
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Voted at Town Meeting (Appropriations)

NEK Council on Aging	600.00
Charleston Historical Society	500.00
Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc	50,000.00
Dailey Memorial Library	1,100.00
Orleans County Historical Society	550.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Island Pond Public Library	700.00
NEK Human Services	1,074.00
NorthWoods Stewardship Center	800.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	500.00
OEVNA & Hospice	3,000.00
Rural Community Transport	1,650.00
Orleans County Court Division	200.00
Orleans County Child Advocacy	200.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society	500.00
Echo Lake Protective Association	1,000.00
VSO Symphony Kids	100.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00
Umbrella	700.00
	<u>63,324.00</u>

TOTAL SELECTBOARD DISBURSEMENTS	398,297.29
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Road Department Report

SUMMARY

Road Dept Receipts

State Aid, Class 2 & 3 Highways	88,585.66
VTrans Class 2 Roadway Grant (Hudson Rd paving)	85,603.20
VTrans Structures Grant (Durgin Bridge abutment crack repair)	1,260.00
VT DEC, Grants-in-Aid Pilot (Hinton Hill Rd stone ditch)	8,600.00
VT Better Roads Grant (Streeter Rd ditching and culverts)	50,422.59
VT Better Roads Grant (Ten Mile Sq Rd culvert)	32,623.02
VLCT, Safety/Equipment Grant (Safety Work Basket)	1,217.50
VLCT, Safety/Equipment Grant (Garage Furnace Repairs)	2,203.29
Community National Bank, Truck Loan	125,089.00
Used culvert sales	125.00
International Truck rebate	1,000.00
NESCO, Shipping rebate	150.00
Total Road Receipts	396,879.26
Voted for 2019 Road Budget (Taxes)	429,551.71
Total Voted for Roads	429,551.71
TOTAL ROAD REVENUES	826,430.97

Deduct Disbursements

Highways	814,232.22
Class IV	6,378.71
Total Disbursements	820,610.93
Surplus	5,820.04

EXPENDITURES

Highway Department

Wages & Stipends	174,825.56
Social Security paid	10,931.21
Medicare paid	2,556.55
Retirement Expense	15,966.03
VLCT Unemployment Ins.	280.00
Health Insurance	20,832.69
Supplies	8,009.62
Tools/Equipment	2,729.60
Telephone	782.30
Parts & Repairs	42,407.64

Road Department Report cont.

Expenditures cont.

Hired Svcs - Patenaude Bush Hogging (roadside mowing)	10,640.00
Hired Svcs - David White Trucking (pavement sweeping)	2,000.00
Hired Svcs - JBL Excavating (Ten Mile Sq Rd culvert)	9,160.00
Hired Svcs - Green & Son (Ten Mile Sq Rd headwall)	4,650.00
Hired Svcs - Green & Son (Durgin Bridge Repair)	1,400.00
Hired Svcs - JBL Excavating (Crawford Hill Rd culvert)	1,762.50
Hired Svcs - Green & Son (Crawford Hill Rd headwall)	2,000.00
CDW Corp, Tablet and case	803.79
Electricity & Solar Loan	1,456.71
Diesel, Oil, Gas	39,123.47
Tires	1,813.34
Blades & Shoes	2,028.17
Sand, Gravel, Stone & Crushing	54,053.00
Chloride/Salt	34,944.55
Road Supplies (culverts, seed, hay)	17,624.77
Road Equipment - Clark's Trucking (International purchase)	125,293.00
Road Equipment - Clark Communications (radio repair)	532.00
Road Equipment - Transfer to Equipment Fund	51,007.12
Road Equipment loan payment (annual)	49,218.93
Garage Building Repairs	5,421.57
Road Signs - VT Offender Work Programs (School Zone signs)	63.84
Road Signs - Eberl Iron Works (signposts and sleeves)	1,086.54
Paving (J. Hutchins for Hudson and Fontaine Rds)	115,671.62
Firewood	1,400.00
Equipment Rental	240.00
VT DEC, Municipal Roads General Permit MRGP (annual)	1,350.00
Mileage, Highway Crew	113.85
The Chronicle, Road Closure Notices	52.25
Summer/Winter Road Total	814,232.22

Class IV Highway Dept.

Wages	1,481.21
Hired Services (Haul Gravel)	977.50
Sand & Gravel	3,920.00
Class IV Total	6,378.71

TOTAL ROAD EXPENDITURES	820,610.93
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Cemetery Commissioners' Report

Receipts	Total
Hillside - Dividend from Dominion Resources	66.08
Hillside - CD Int from Community National Bank	1,024.08
West Village - CD Int from Community National Bank	690.32
Lot(s) sold	2,800.00
Voted at Town Meeting for Cemetery Dept.	10,000.00
Total Receipts	14,580.48

Disbursements	
Wages Paid for Labor	6,892.50
Social Security & Medicare	527.32
Heritage Memorials, corner posts	355.00
Driver's Outdoor Power Equipment, Repairs/Supplies	708.30
Driver's Outdoor Power Equipment, Trimmer purchase	399.99
Employee Reimbursement, gas	361.20
Darald Moulton, Reimb. for fence posts	21.19
Amer. Legion, Flags for Veterans' graves	159.93
Teri Gray, Reimb. for Solar Security Lights	61.37
Gervais Hardware, padlocks	13.99
Perpetual Care, paid to CDs	1,000.00
Total Disbursements	10,500.79
Receipts Less Disbursements	4,079.69

Cemetery Trust Funds	Total
Hillside: Community Natl Bank CD @2.25% matures 8/1/2023	45,455.08
West Village & Bly et al: Community Natl Bank CD @2.25% matures 8/1/2023	30,888.01
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	76,343.09
West Village: 2019 lot sale funds in General Checking	1,100.00
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Total Trust Funds, December 31, 2019	77,443.09

Note: Bly et al = Bly, Crawford, Buck & Morrill Cemeteries

Policies of the Cemetery Commissioners:

No graves are to be opened after November 15th or before April 15th.

No shrubs or bushes will be planted on lots in any cemetery.

All flowers will be removed before the first cutting in the spring.

Green burial is not permitted.

The Town does not finance lots.

Prices are as follows: Full lot \$1,000; half-lot \$800; \$500 cremation lot.

Listers' Report & Property Tax Exemptions

The Listers' office completed a reappraisal of all real property as of April 1, 2019. The Grand List increased by 10% due to market trends over the past 13 years. The state has accepted the results of the reappraisal. The new Equalization Study Results show the common level of appraisal (CLA) at 100.09% and the coefficient of dispersion at 4.41%. These are very good numbers for assessment purposes.

We would like to thank the people of Charleston for their kindness and assistance during the completion of this important project.

The following statistics are available for your information and review:

Charleston 2019 Municipal Grand List Summary

Property Type	# of Parcels	Listed Value
Residential	351	56,974,900
Mobile Homes	84	5,459,000
Seasonal	58	5,780,700
Lake Properties	103	29,641,000
Commercial	7	671,700
Utilities	3	5,595,300
Farms	25	12,186,600
Open Land	110	7,549,300
PP Cable (education tax only)	1	621,700
Totals	742	124,480,200
Less exemptions*		-14,337,500
Total Grand List (municipal)		110,142,700

***Exemptions include: Current Use: \$13,158,300; Veterans: \$440,000; Contracts: \$739,200*

Town Residents are reminded to file their
HOMESTEAD DECLARATION (form HS 122) by April 15th:

For more information or to file online, visit www.tax.vermont.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charleston Board of Listers

Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2019

Tax Year	2018	2019
Uncollected Taxes	79,142.99	56,192.12
Uncollected as of	10/20/18	10/25/19
Collected in 2019	37,456.07	14,875.53
Uncollected as of 12/31/2019	21.20	41,316.59

2019 Delinquent Tax Revenue

2018 Taxes Collected in 2019	31,557.52
2018 Collected by Tax Sale 8/6/2019	10,108.20
2019 Taxes Collected	14,875.53
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	56,541.25

2019 Delinquent Taxes

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Andrews, Clifford F.	551.35
Bennett, John W.	851.80
Bowen, Gary	2,563.59
Bowen, Gary	1,949.01
Bowen, Michael	1,570.51
Bowen, Michael & Linda	2,058.58
Broe, John W. & Pauline	3,124.25
Bushway, Alan & Jayne**	656.27
Chandler, June, Life Estate	915.28
Connor, Michael & Vickie	341.95
Cote, Kelli	4,287.63
Desanto, Derrick	1,758.89
Firestine, Robert W. & Patricia	3,671.34
Fitzpatrick (Cleverly), Dawn	2,649.60
Gray, Rachel	49.72
Griffin, Francis E.	903.85
Haley, Friedora	388.04
Jensen, Thomas	285.31

2019 Delinquent Taxes, cont.

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Jensen, Thomas	285.31
Joslyn, Bryce & Brenda	743.28
Lantagne, Richard	2,473.21
Messier, Norman	978.04
Moulton, Dwight & Shirley	1,771.84
Mount, Jeffrey & Dana Bellavance	886.61
Plankey, Larry & Frances	915.28
Sachs, Peter & Laurie Clow	147.43
Silano, Anthony et al	133.94
Skinner, Todd	1,435.37
Smith, James & Julie	662.71
Stanton, Walter III	413.61
Stanton, Walter III	2,135.64
Winston Jennison Investments**	42.66
Total	41,316.59

2018 Delinquent Taxes

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Hosford, David	21.20

*** indicates property was sold in 2019*

Charleston Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

P.O. Box 106
East Charleston, VT 05833
(802)723-5029

Fire Department Report to the Town of Charleston Year Ending 2019

The year 2019 marks the 65th year for the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department.

2019 has seen the department called out a total of 41 emergency calls. The breakdown of the calls included structure/chimney fires, ambulance/medical assists, motor vehicle accidents, fire or carbon monoxide (CO) activations, brush/debris fires and mutual aid calls for area departments. Of note, a significant percentage of the CVFD calls involve medical assists for the EMS crews that respond to our community.

In 2019, the CVFD, with support from the town residents, invested a new tanker. This new apparatus is capable of responding with 3,400 gallons of water and is also capable of pumping at a rate of 650 gallons per minute. The total cost of the truck was \$180,000.00 of which the CVFD put an initial down payment of \$55,000.00 from the equipment fund, financing the remaining \$125,000.00. As was adopted on town meeting day of 2019, the annual payment is added to the overall budget for this equipment. With this significant investment, we believe we can further increase our effectiveness in response for the residents of Charleston and surrounding areas, for the foreseeable future.

Our regular membership for 2019 reflected an increase of members and stands at 27 senior members and 2 junior members.

The 66th annual oyster supper was held on Saturday October 5th. This event continues to be successful both financially and as a matter of tradition. We thank all of those, both in town residents and out of town part time residents who have generously donated to this event as well as to our department. Please mark your calendars for the first Saturday in October for the 67th annual oyster supper!

This year's budget request is \$50,000. The request reflects a level fund for 2019, of \$38,245. The additional funds will be applied to the annual payment of the newly purchased tanker. The board has functioned with a level funded budget since 2012 and is grateful to the community for the help with the tanker funding.

The CVFD has a limited number of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors available for residents that need them but might not be able to purchase them. If anyone knows of someone that needs one, please contact Chief Duane Moulton.

As always the commitment of CVFD members to their community is voluntary, with no members being financially reimbursed for their time. All dollars which the department receives, goes directly to defray cost of operation.

We thank the Charleston community for their continued support.

Charleston Vol. Fire Dept.Inc
Profit & Loss
January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	881.50
Donations	3,806.00
Indirect Public Support	167.00
Interest income	62.59
Oyster Supper	12,070.00
Town of Charleston	50,000.00
Town of Morgan	14,754.00
Total Income	81,741.09
Gross Profit	81,741.09
Expense	
Albert Ford Memorial	100.00
Communication	6,677.50
Dues	
VSFA	416.00
Dues - Other	100.00
Total Dues	516.00
E Dispatch	1,548.00
Engine repair	1,071.53
Equip Rental and Maintenance	85.00
Equipment Repair	1,366.82
Gear	2,259.10
Insurance	
W/C insurance	2,438.00
Insurance - Other	12,576.00
Total Insurance	15,014.00
office equip	155.89
Oyster supper expenses	1,642.54
Personnel expenses	2,189.91
Plowing	1,080.00
Postage, Mailing Service	674.31
Professional services	825.00
Secretarial	93.16
Station Repairs	1,494.90
Supplies	
Foam	0.00
Station supplies	759.78
Supplies - Other	572.16
Total Supplies	1,331.94
Training	1,655.00
truck registration	58.00
Truck Repair	5,269.76
Utilities	
Electric	467.49
Heating Oil	3,481.60
Telephone	1,461.34
Utilities - Other	1,265.06
Total Utilities	6,675.49
Vt Solar	144.62
Total Expense	51,928.47
Net Ordinary Income	29,812.62
Net Income	29,812.62



Newport Ambulance Service Inc, P.O. Box 911 Newport, Vermont 05855

Charleston 2019 Report

Dear Citizens of Charleston,

Newport Ambulance has significantly expanded in 2019 and currently covers 300.43 square miles in Orleans and Essex counties, compared to 78.8 square miles in 2017. Since expanding the service, the call volume has increased to 2948 calls compared to 2530 in 2018. In 2019 Newport Ambulance responded to 79 emergency calls in Charleston and transported 12 Charleston residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. The service also responded to 120 mutual aid calls to outside service areas.

Newport Ambulance has been able to provide this service to the surrounding areas by increasing the staff with more fulltime EMT's/Paramedics and by acquiring more per diem employees. Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing perpetual service. This service presently has 5 ambulances that are stocked and available to respond, at the ALS level, at any time.

Newport Ambulance has recently purchased a building in Morgan and has started remodeling for a substation. This substation will help serve parts of Derby and several other towns such as Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton. This renovation should be completed by Mid-February 2020.

Newport Ambulance welcomes and encourages Charleston residents to stop in and visit one of our facilities located at 830 Union St, Newport or 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your town.

Respectfully

Jeff Johansen,

Chief Operations Officer
Newport Ambulance Inc.

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Remembering Richard Colburn, Sr.

When Richard passed away last year, an era for our town passed with him—a time when a single life could span the distance from the age of a global internet back to a boyhood in a one-room school house.

By chronicling the lives of generations of Charleston families and residents who came before us, Richard connected our town to its past. He drew our attention to the people on whose shoulders we stand, and to the now fading events that shaped this town today.

His interest in history arose from his interest in people, their individual stories, and their links to each other. This allowed him to easily connect with everyone he met, adults and children alike. As he guided young students in placing flags on veterans' graves, he opened their minds to the solemn commitment and responsibility required of a free nation, and provided an experience the youngsters are not likely to forget.

Richard specialized in meticulously attending to seemingly small things that collectively had a big impact. Along with founding and curating the town's Historical Society and Museum, and serving as dedicated caretaker of the cemeteries, he took our children to school each day for 12 years as the Elementary School bus driver. He helped to found our Volunteer Fire Department, where he filled multiple roles over many years as firefighter, clerk, and treasurer. He served as Justice of the Peace, Town Auditor, and Tree Warden, and for decades was a sturdy pillar of his church.

His life was a home town calling that joyfully united his deep sense of honoring the past, fascination for everyday people, and daily expression of Christian values—seasoned with good will and humor. Such a life is all the more precious because it has become so rare. Richard is now a part of the history he so loved.

