

CHARLESTON VERMONT

Annual Town Report

for the year ending
December 31st, 2018



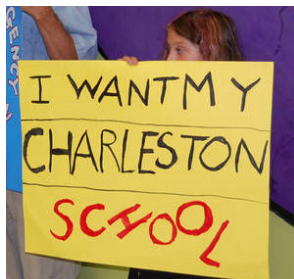
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Listers.....895-2814

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Road Foreman/Town Garage.....895-2932

Charleston Elementary School.....895-2915

Constable.....home 895-2647 / cell 323-2898

Second Constable/Animal Control.....673-6648

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. If urgent: Larry Young 895-2889 or Glenn Peterson 598-6265 (please be respectful of the hour).

Planning Commission

Meetings are held quarterly at the Town Clerk's Office at 6:30pm. 2019 schedule: March 14, June 13, September 12, and December 12. 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	2019
Town Clerk & Treasurer	3 Yrs	Teri Gray	2019
Selectboard	3 Yrs	Meghann Carter	2019
		Larry Young	2020
		Glenn Peterson	2021
Listers	3 Yrs	Steve Wilson	2019
		Robert Wilson	2020
		Jean Wilson	2021
Town Auditors	3 Yrs	Diana Marckwardt	2019
		Janice Bowen	2020
		Michael Morelli	2021
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 Yr	Grace Frizzell	2019
First Constable	2 Yrs	Jonathan Bruce	2019
Second Constable	1 Yr	Crystal Langmaid (<i>appt'd</i>)	2019
Cemetery Commissioners	5 Yrs	Dale Carpenter	2019
		Sherman Allen, Jr.	2020
		Wayne Bowen	2021
		Martin Davis	2022
		Dean Bennett	2023
School Directors	3 Yrs	Jason Brueck	2019
		Pat Austin	2020
		Heather Wright	2021
Town Agent	1 Yr	Julianne Woolard	2019
Town Grand Juror	1 Yr	Meghann Carter	2019
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:

Truant Officer	Orleans County Sheriff
Welfare Officer	Julie Lamoreaux
Town Fire Warden	Blair Moulton
Tree Warden	Justin Taft
Fence Viewers	Blair Moulton
	Darald Moulton
	<i>(open seat)</i>
Poundkeeper	Crystal Langmaid
Surveyor of Wood & Coal	Michael Currie
Health Officer	Martin Davis
Road Commissioner	Meghann Carter, Glenn Peterson, Larry Young
Road Foreman	Bernie Pepin
Assistant Clerk & Treasurer	Colleen Kellogg
911 Coordinator	Jean Wilson
Planning Commission	John Kellogg, Chair
	Blair Moulton, Clerk
	Hap Eliason
	Eleanor Leger
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

2019

- 1/1 New Year's Day – Town Office Closed
- 1/21 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/18 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/23 2018 Town Reports available
- 3/5 2019 Town Meeting, 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
- 5/4 GreenUp Day, drop off bags at Town Office
- 5/27 Memorial Day – Town Office Closed
- 7/4 Independence Day – Town Office Closed
- 8/1 2019 Property Tax Bills mailed (approximate)
- 9/2 Labor Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/14 Columbus Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/23 Town Office OPEN 8-3 for payment of property taxes
- 10/25 Property Tax payments due to Town Clerk by 5 pm, (Office OPEN 8-5)
- 11/11 Veterans Day - Town Office Closed
- 11/28 Thanksgiving – Town Office Closed – NO Selectboard Mtg
- 12/24 Christmas – Town Office Closed – NO Selectboard Mtg
- 12/26
- 12/30 New Year's – Town Office Closed
- 12/31

2020

- 1/20 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/17 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 3/3 2020 Town Meeting

Town Clerk Services

DOG LICENSES: Licenses are available by Feb 1st of each year, and 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 25, 2019 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 \$10 per page fee.

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. Non-certified copies are \$1 per page. 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


Recycling Options

Option	Cost	Sorting	Contact	Schedule
TOWN RECYCLING	Paid by Town	Must be CLEAN & SORTED	Darald Moulton 895-2901	West: 1st Mon. of each month East: 2nd Mon. of each month
PRIVATE HAULER	Paid by Individual	Single-stream (no sort)	Austin's 895-4889 Dave's 766-8042	Contact Hauler

Due to Labor Day holiday, Town Recycling will be picked up in West on the 2nd Monday, and East on the 3rd Monday in September 2019.

Town Recycling Guidelines

(if you use a private hauler, contact them for guidelines)

<div>↓</div> <div>SORT ITEMS</div> <div>↓</div>	
NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & OFFICE PAPER (JUNK MAIL) Mix together - catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts and paperback books, colored paper, white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper can be in this category except: NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper	CORRUGATED CARDBOARD & BROWN KRAFT BAGS & BOXBOARD Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. Please no strings, handles, or bags with plastic layers. NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons or Styrofoam. *BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*
TIN CANS Labels are OK. Flattening is not required. Separate from aluminum cans (a magnet will stick to tin but not to aluminum.) *MUST BE RINSED*	ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS Labels OK. Flattening is not required. Snack bags and candy wrappers are not aluminum foil. *MUST BE RINSED*
GLASS (ALL COLORS) - NEW RULES Any clear/colored glass beverage container or any clear/colored glass food container (remove caps.) NO crystal, lids, metal or wood. NO light bulbs. No Headlights, thermometers, plastics, Auto glass, Pyrex, Drinking Glasses, Window panes, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, Plexiglas, asphalt, excess dirt, or trash. *MUST BE RINSED* *Remove lids – they generally go with tin*	PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1–#4 & #5 Food 2 Gallons or smaller / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED* Look for the recycling number stamped on the container. Labels are OK, please crush larger containers. #5 accepted if it's a food container. NO black plastic of any kind. NO automotive fluid bottles. NO vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices. These are trash.
PLASTIC BAGS Must be labelled #2, #4, or #5. Any color accepted. Includes bubble wrap. No Ziploc or nylon woven bags (like grain/cat litter bags)	
<div>  NO... DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS, Black Plastic Containers, or Plastic Containers Larger than 2 Gallons </div>	

Lyndonville walk-in recycling center is also open to Charleston residents Wednesday 8am – 4pm & Saturday 8am – 3pm. Contact NEKWMD at (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 / www.nekwmd.org / progmgr@nekwmd.org

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 <https://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 <https://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.

2019 Charleston Elections

Mar 5 Town & School District Annual Meeting, Charleston Elementary School, 10:00 am until all business is concluded

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.

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

The Charleston Community Solar Array, located in the Town pit on Ten Mile Square Rd, began operation June 4, 2018. The array provides net metering credits through Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC) to offset usage by the Town Office, Garage, Streetlights, Elementary School and Volunteer Fire Department. The School and Fire Department reimburse the Town for credits applied to their accounts; this amount is paid toward the Town's annual loan payment.

Array Design: The array is comprised of 296 330-watt panels for a total “peak power” capacity of 97.68 kW. The panels are warrantied to provide at least 80% of rated power for 25 years—the expected life of the array. An extended warranty covers the 7 power inverters for 25 years.

Energy Production: During 6+ months of operation, the array generated \$11,978.72 in electricity, or 63.02 MWh, which is 53% of the expected annual total of 119.243 MWh. Production can be viewed online at charlestonvt.org. (Select ‘Departments’, ‘Community Solar.’) Array design assumes weather-driven variation in production, and snow clearing is not recommended due to the risk of panel damage. Building Energy warranties the installation for five years; they monitor production remotely and respond to problems and equipment failures.

Looking ahead: The Town has secured a 20-year, \$286,845.33 project loan and the first payment of \$20,873.62 will be due in November 2019. Net metering credit reimbursements from the School and Fire Department were received in 2018 and will continue to be applied to this payment. The Town budget will cover the remainder of the loan payment as well as monthly fees payable to VEC for the Town accounts. Figuring in the loan payment and annual costs associated with the array, we estimate that the Town will save approximately \$1700 per year in total annual electricity costs initially, and more detail will be reported once the array has been in operation for a full year.

Project Cost Summary: In 2015, voters authorized the Selectboard to borrow up to \$348,000 to install an array. Thanks to efficient design and a \$50,000 USDA grant secured by residents who provided volunteer leadership, the amount financed is \$286,845.33.

Total Project Cost, From Permit to Operation (2017-2018)

NorthWoods	Mapping, CPG Environmental	930.00
VEC	Permits/Application Fees	500.00
Krebs & Lansing	Engineering	2,581.85
Downs Rachlin & Martin	Legal Filings for CPG	6,598.06
Building Energy	Panels, Inverters, Installation, Monitoring	286,207.00
VEC	Service Hookup	19,887.35
Solar Edge	Inverters Extended Warranty	5,215.00
JBK Hauling & Excavating	Underground Conduit Installation	3,575.00
Green Mountain Electric	Underground Conduit & Materials	1,538.99
Gervais Hardware	Underground Conduit & Materials	114.15
Juddy's Rental	Worksite Toilet	250.00
Awesome Welding	Security Gate	1,700.00
Round Hill Fence	Security Fence	2,311.34
VLCT PACIF Ins	2018 Insurance Coverage	169.00
VEC	Monthly Account Fee	18.26
May & Davies	Net Metering Agreement	2,432.60
Community Natl Bank	Building Loan Interest	2,816.83
USDA Grant REVENUE	Grant for Panel Purchase	-50,000.00
Total Net Project Cost		286,845.33

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.

2018 Dog Licenses Sold (221 dogs were licensed in 2018)

On or Before April 1	Cost	Qty	Total Fees
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	9.00	111	999.00
Intact Dogs	13.00	17	221.00
Kennel License (up to 10 dogs)	56.00	3	168.00
After April 1			
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	11.00	34	374.00
Intact Dogs	17.00	13	221.00
New Neutered Dogs	9.00	20	180.00
New Intact Dogs	13.00	2	26.00
Total Due for Dog Licenses			\$2,189.00
Total Collected			
Town License Fees			1201.00
State License Fees			988.00
Total Dog Fees Collected			\$2,189.00

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.

2018 Vital Statistics

Births



Carter Sanville to Ashlee Daigle & Tré Sanville	March 2018
Asher Plasse to Rosemarie & Jordan Plasse	April 2018
Nicole Bingham to Monica Bingham & Taylor Parenteau	April 2018
Arianna Gochie to Shonna Mead & Andrew Gochie	July 2018
Tatum Barry to Natasha-Emily Chaffee	September 2018
Danika Carpenter to Jessica & Dillon Carpenter	December 2018

Civil Marriages



Frederick Byrd III to Ashley Danforth	2/14/2018
Kim Maxham to Lori Coburn	8/11/2018
Chelsea Locke to Logan Vanasse	8/18/2018
Bailey Forrest to Trevor Lewis	9/01/2018
Amber Fletcher to Ryan Simino	9/15/2018



Deaths

Robert L. Gray	age 81	2/09/2018
Aurore L. Tetreault	age 90	4/01/2018
Ashley C. Thompson	age 80	9/29/2018
Rebecca E. Laughlin	age 74	12/4/2018

2019 Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters in the Annual Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Charleston Elementary School Building on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 am until all business is completed to transact the following business.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 a 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 NorthWoods Stewardship Center
- d. \$1,100 to Dailey Memorial Library
- e. \$700 to Island Pond Library

2019 Town Meeting Warning

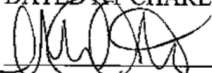
- f. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation
- g. \$500 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy
- h. \$200 to Orleans County Child Advocacy
- i. \$200 to Orleans County Court Diversion
- j. \$550 to Orleans County Historical Society
- k. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging
- l. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
- m. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter
- n. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice
- o. \$50 to 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

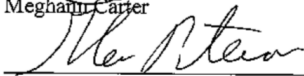
Article 9. To see if the town will vote to omit the names of delinquent taxpayers from the annual Town Report and list only the total amount of delinquent taxes due, beginning with the 2019 report.

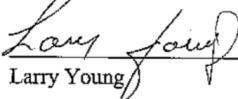
Article 10. To see if the town will approve the following declaration: Whereas the basing of the nuclear capable F-35A fighter bomber and storage of nuclear weapons at the Burlington International Airport is unacceptable due to extreme hazards inherent in the 1) storage of nuclear materials, 2) toxic 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.

Article 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 24th DAY OF January, 2019


Meghan Carter


Glenn Peterson


Larry Young

2019 Proposed Town Budget

REVENUES		FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
00-6-10	Tax Revenues			
00-6-10.05	Current Property Taxes	204,604.80	163,968.89	215,026.36
00-6-10.15	Land Use/Hold Harmless	55,000.00	55,052.00	49,500.00
00-6-10.18	Delinquent Taxes	0.00	80,563.26	0.00
00-6-10.19	Delinquent Taxes Interest	0.00	3,186.41	0.00
00-6-10.20	PILOT taxes	1,260.00	1,380.39	1,181.13
00-6-10.23	Tax overpays	0.00	11,992.25	0.00
00-6-10.30	Tax Collector Fees	0.00	6,223.31	0.00
Total Tax Revenues		260,864.80	322,366.51	265,707.49
00-6-20	Permits Revenues			
00-6-20.05	2nd Class Liquor License	70.00	70.00	70.00
00-6-20.10	Marriage Licenses (State)	200.00	250.00	200.00
00-6-20.15	Marriage License (Town)	40.00	50.00	40.00
00-6-20.20	Dog Licenses	900.00	1,201.00	900.00
00-6-20.25	Dog License Fees	750.00	988.00	750.00
Total Permits Revenues		1,960.00	2,559.00	1,960.00
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	8,847.00	8,500.00
00-6-40.15	Records Preservation Fee	700.00	817.00	700.00
00-6-40.20	Interest, Checking Acct.	500.00	2,194.01	500.00
00-6-40.32	Interest, Non Arbitrage	0.00	6,769.85	0.00
00-6-40.35	Insurance Returns	0.00	1,528.00	0.00
00-6-40.62	Prev. Yr School Tax Adjust.	0.00	15,858.22	0.00
00-6-40.80	DMV renewals	45.00	60.00	45.00
00-6-40.83	Reappraisal Transfers	0.00	24,382.07	0.00
00-6-40.85	Reappraisal Fund	0.00	7,372.00	0.00
00-6-40.90	Clerk Grants	1,000.00	3,510.22	0.00
00-6-40.91	Aquatic Nuisance (Echo)	0.00	11,904.00	0.00
00-6-40.92	Water Quality Grant (Echo)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
00-6-40.96	Community Solar	0.00	348,430.27	0.00
00-6-40.97	Net Metering	0.00	4,854.55	11,500.00
00-6-40.99	Misc. Fee Receipts	0.00	1,550.40	0.00
Total Fees & Other Revenues		14,495.00	446,827.59	24,995.00

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		FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
00-6-50	Road Dept Receipts			
00-6-50.10	State Aid, Highways	87,799.08	87,799.82	87,800.00
00-6-50.17	Better Roads Grant	0.00	0.00	42,000.00
00-6-50.20	Special Highway Grants	216,753.84	324,022.17	8,717.50
00-6-50.35	Taxes for Roads (Hwy & CI IV)	344,792.50	364,792.50	429,551.71
00-6-50.40	Due from/to other funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
00-6-50.99	Misc. Road Receipts	0.00	135.00	0.00
Total Road Dept Receipts		649,345.42	776,749.49	568,069.21
00-6-60	Cemetery Receipts			
00-6-60.10	Sale of Lots	0.00	1,280.00	0.00
00-6-60.15	Interest (savings, inv.)	250.00	304.80	250.00
00-6-60.20	Dividends (Dominion)	50.00	60.12	50.00
00-6-60.25	Perpetual Care	0.00	2,100.00	0.00
00-6-60.30	Posts	0.00	420.00	0.00
00-6-60.37	Taxes for Cemetery	11,830.00	11,830.00	10,000.00
00-6-60.99	Misc. Cemetery Receipts	0.00	1,299.95	0.00
Total Cemetery Receipts		12,130.00	17,294.87	10,300.00
TOTAL REVENUES		938,795.22	1,565,797.46	871,031.70
EXPENSES				
05-7	Select Board			
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
05-7-17.00	Selectboard Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
05-7-20.00	Advertising & Printing	1,700.00	716.90	1,700.00
05-7-26.00	Legal Services	1,000.00	1,212.50	1,200.00
05-7-27.05	Loan repayment, interest	0.00	6,409.43	0.00
05-7-31.00	Watershed Quality (Echo)	0.00	16,904.00	0.00
05-7-50.00	Pit Purchase expenses	54,488.38	54,488.38	54,488.38
05-7-55.00	Planning Commission	4,000.00	102.62	2,000.00
05-7-99.00	Misc. Select Board Expense	500.00	90.00	500.00
Total Select Board		65,563.78	83,799.23	63,763.78

2019 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
10-7	Election Unit			
10-7-10.00	Election Officers	300.00	0.00	0.00
10-7-12.00	Election Officers FICA	0.00	0.00	0.00
10-7-21.00	Election Supplies	600.00	451.21	300.00
Total Election Unit		900.00	451.21	300.00
15-7	Finance Department			
15-7-10.00	Clerk/Treasurer Salary	37,856.00	37,852.25	37,856.00
15-7-10.05	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	18,160.00	18,169.45	18,160.00
15-7-10.10	Auditors Wages	1,000.00	918.00	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	3,533.37	3,541.81
15-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	828.33	826.31	828.33
15-7-14.00	Retirement Expense	6,511.68	6,464.65	6,689.87
15-7-16.00	Workers Compensation Ins.	21,074.00	22,165.00	14,302.00
15-7-17.00	Mileage, Clerk & Ass't.	850.00	994.29	950.00
15-7-19.00	Training/Workshops/Dues	1,437.00	822.00	1,437.00
15-7-21.00	Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,412.73	2,000.00
15-7-22.00	Postage	1,200.00	1,199.56	1,200.00
15-7-23.00	Telephone	900.00	917.34	950.00
15-7-24.00	Office Equipment/Repairs	900.00	986.00	900.00
15-7-24.50	Records Preservation	1,100.00	642.60	1,100.00
15-7-25.00	Computer, Website, Support	2,500.00	2,035.76	2,800.00
15-7-30.00	Commercial Insurance Pkg	19,103.00	19,103.00	14,818.00
15-7-99.00	Misc. Finance Dept Expense	50.00	12,099.44	50.00
Total Finance Dept		119,121.82	130,191.75	108,693.00
17-7	Listers			
17-7-10.00	Listers' Salaries	12,000.00	31,306.00	12,600.00
17-7-10.40	Due to/from other funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
17-7-12.00	Soc. Sec. Exp. Listers	744.00	1,940.97	781.20
17-7-13.00	Medicare Exp. Listers	174.00	453.97	182.70
17-7-17.00	Listers' Mileage	600.00	498.30	500.00
17-7-19.00	Listers' Training/Dues	1,000.00	1,334.27	500.00
17-7-20.00	Listers' Postage	250.00	50.00	200.00
17-7-21.10	Listers' Supplies	250.00	143.87	200.00

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Listers Cont.		FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
17-7-22.00	BCA Tax appeals/abatement	200.00	0.00	200.00
17-7-23.00	Computer support/maps	2,200.00	260.00	5,000.00
17-7-25.00	Reappraisal Expenses	0.00	9,425.57	0.00
17-7-99.00	Misc. Lister Expense	0.00	60.00	0.00
Total Listers		17,418.00	45,472.95	20,163.90
20-7	Delinquent Tax Collector			
20-7-10.00	DTC Wages	5,915.00	6,223.31	6,308.00
20-7-12.00	DTC Soc Sec Expense	367.00	385.84	391.10
20-7-13.00	DTC Medicare Expense	86.00	90.24	91.47
20-7-17.00	DTC Mileage/Expenses	75.00	50.00	75.00
Total Delinquent Tax Collect		6,443.00	6,749.39	6,865.56
30-7	Plant (Town Office)			
30-7-21.00	Janitor & Supplies	500.00	245.52	500.00
30-7-22.00	Grounds Maintenance	400.00	316.00	400.00
30-7-28.00	Repairs & Upkeep	3,000.00	491.31	3,000.00
30-7-30.00	Community Solar	0.00	349,162.44	21,074.48
30-7-32.00	Electricity	2,000.00	1,481.30	275.00
Total Plant (Town Office)		5,900.00	351,696.57	25,249.48
35-7	Public Safety			
35-7-10.00	Law Enforcement Salary	800.00	600.00	800.00
35-7-10.40	Due to/from other funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
35-7-12.00	Law Enforcement Soc. Sec.	49.60	37.20	49.60
35-7-13.00	Law Enforcement Medicare	11.60	8.70	11.60
35-7-15.00	Law Enforcement Equip.	0.00	0.00	0.00
35-7-16.00	Law Enforcement mileage	250.00	92.40	250.00
35-7-21.00	Law Enforcement Signs	200.00	167.48	200.00
35-7-25.00	911 Road Signs	1,300.00	491.65	1,300.00
35-7-32.00	Street Lights	5,700.00	3,369.70	154.56
35-7-34.00	Ambulance Service	29,462.00	29,462.00	39,252.00
35-7-35.00	Dispatch Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
35-7-44.00	Solid Waste/Recycling	4,368.00	4,392.00	5,289.00
35-7-99.00	Misc. Law Enforcement Exp	0.00	170.00	0.00
Total Public Safety		42,141.20	38,791.13	47,306.76

2019 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
45-7	Assessments			
45-7-54.00	County Tax	14,800.00	14,711.12	15,122.00
45-7-56.00	Westmore (Town Farm) Tax	140.00	140.74	150.00
45-7-57.00	Barton Pit Tax	1,800.00	1,873.01	1,900.00
45-7-58.00	VLCT Dues	2,192.00	2,192.00	2,248.00
Total Assessments		18,932.00	18,916.87	19,420.00
90-7	Fees Expenses			
90-7-36.00	Marriage License (State)	200.00	250.00	200.00
90-7-38.00	Dog License Fees	700.00	988.00	700.00
Total Fees Expenses		900.00	1,238.00	900.00
Total Selectboard Expenditures		277,319.80	677,307.10	292,662.49
50-7	Highway Department			
50-7-10.00	Wages	162,000.00	173,933.54	170,000.00
50-7-10.05	Road Admin	5,500.00	5,499.40	5,500.00
50-7-11.00	Road Commissioner	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
50-7-11.50	Mileage	200.00	0.00	200.00
50-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	10,266.00	11,348.15	11,104.20
50-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	2,480.95	2,654.05	2,596.95
50-7-14.00	Retirement Expense	17,010.00	16,791.71	18,487.50
50-7-15.00	VLCT Unemployment Ins.	674.00	674.00	281.00
50-7-18.00	Health Insurance Expense	0.00	8,884.40	20,554.56
50-7-21.00	Supplies	8,500.00	8,452.43	8,500.00
50-7-22.00	Tools/Equipment	3,500.00	4,318.21	3,500.00
50-7-23.00	Telephone	800.00	771.23	800.00
50-7-24.00	Parts & Repairs	24,000.00	31,101.08	24,000.00
50-7-25.00	Technology	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
50-7-30.00	Hired Services	171,735.00	145,967.50	17,500.00
50-7-32.00	Electricity	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
50-7-70.00	Gasoline	3,000.00	211.42	3,000.00
50-7-71.00	Diesel & Oil	45,000.00	44,560.76	45,000.00
50-7-72.00	Tires	10,000.00	9,722.39	10,000.00
50-7-73.00	Blades & Shoes	8,000.00	5,546.48	8,000.00
50-7-74.00	Sand, Gravel, Stone, Crushing	50,800.00	46,695.50	52,800.00
50-7-76.00	Chloride, Salt	39,700.00	47,082.85	40,000.00
50-7-78.00	Road Supplies	12,000.00	11,328.86	12,000.00

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Highway Department Cont.		FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budget
50-7-78.15	Road Equipment	0.00	29,855.00	0.00
50-7-78.25	Building Repairs (Garage)	5,000.00	5,817.18	5,000.00
50-7-78.30	Road Signs	2,150.00	1,304.56	2,150.00
50-7-78.50	Fire Wood	2,500.00	2,100.00	2,500.00
50-7-79.00	Paving	1,500.00	29,770.14	31,500.00
50-7-85.00	Rd Equip Loan Payment	42,889.47	55,952.56	49,405.00
50-7-87.00	Equipment Rental	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
50-7-88.00	Municipal Rd Gen Permit	2,640.00	1,990.00	1,590.00
50-7-95.40	Due to/from other funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
50-7-99.00	Misc. Road Expenses	1,000.00	352.90	1,000.00
Total Highway Department		640,545.42	709,386.30	556,069.21
54-7	Class IV Highway Dept.			
54-7-10.00	Wages	2,300.00	0.00	4,000.00
54-7-30.00	Hired Services	0.00	8,677.50	1,500.00
54-7-74.00	Sand & Gravel	2,000.00	3,272.00	3,000.00
54-7-78.00	Road Supplies (culverts)	0.00	0.00	0.00
54-7-95.40	Due to/from other funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
54-7-99.00	Misc Class IV	4,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Total Class IV Highway Dept.		8,800.00	11,949.50	12,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY		649,345.42	721,335.80	568,069.21
60-7	Cemetery Expenses			
60-7-10.00	Wages	6,000.00	6,630.00	6,600.00
60-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	400.00	411.08	409.20
60-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	100.00	96.17	95.70
60-7-21.00	Flags	0.00	144.60	0.00
60-7-24.00	New Equipment	2,400.00	5,089.84	0.00
60-7-28.00	Repairs & Supplies	2,500.00	1,773.90	2,500.00
60-7-60.25	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,550.00	0.00
60-7-60.30	Posts	0.00	420.00	0.00
60-7-70.00	Gasoline & Oil	600.00	406.96	600.00
60-7-87.00	Fencing	0.00	0.00	0.00
60-7-99.00	Misc. Cemetery Expense	130.00	0.00	95.10
Total Cemetery Expenses		12,130.00	16,522.55	10,300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/o Appropriations)		938,795.22	1,415,165.45	871,031.70

2019 Proposed Appropriations

		FY 2018 Voted	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Proposed
85-7-95	Appropriations			
	Road Equipment Fund Article	20,000.00	<i>See page 19</i>	0.00
85-7-95.10	Volunteer Fire Dept.	38,245.00	38,245.00	38,245.00
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	900.00	900.00	1,100.00
85-7-95.60	Orleans Cty Historical	0.00	0.00	550.00
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 Steward- ship 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 Diversion	0.00	0.00	200.00
85-7-95.91	Orleans Cty Child Advocacy	0.00	0.00	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		70,419.00	50,419.00	51,569.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/ Appropriations)		1,009,214.22	1,465,584.45	922,600.70

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Charleston Elementary School

The Annual Town & School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Moderator Jean Wilson, with School Business concluding at 10:11am. 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.

- **Selectperson: Glenn Peterson** nominated by Larry Young, second by Sherm Allen. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.
- **Lister: Jean Wilson** nominated by Nancy Engels, second by Bob Devaney. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.
- **Town Auditor: Mickey Morelli** nominated by Peggy Stevens, second by Bob Devaney. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.
- **Delinquent Tax Collector: Grace Frizzell** nominated by Larry Young, second by Jana Ferrie. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.
- **Second Constable:** No Nominations. To be appointed by Selectboard.
- **Cemetery Commissioner: Dean Bennett** nominated by Sherman Allen, second by Jana Ferrie. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 5 years.
- **Town Agent: Julianne Woolard** nominated by Colleen Kellogg, second by Rebecca Midthun. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.
- **Town Grand Juror: Meghann Carter** nominated by Diana Marckwardt, second by Corrinne Moulton. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 1 year.
- **North Country Union High School Director: Peter Moskovites** nominated by Pat Austin, second by Laura Becerra. Unopposed. Ayes have it; elected for 3 years.

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 19, 2018, 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 19, 2018 at 5:00 pm, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment. Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Jana Ferrie. No discussion. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$938,795.22 less anticipated revenue and separately voted articles, for a net assessment of \$561,227.30, necessary to support the town's general, highway, and cemetery expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Moved by Pat Austin, second by Jason Brueck. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Cindy Lyon asked if there were plans to fix Durgin Rd—she's heard the bridge is unsafe for the school bus. Selectpersons Meghann Carter and Larry Young said the town does plan to fill an abutment crack, but the bridge is okay otherwise per state inspection.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to apply the 2017 Road Surplus of \$13,063.09 to make an additional principal payment on the 2015 loan for a Truck, Excavator, and Trailer. Moved by Tom Jensen, second by Peggy Stevens. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Asked about the costs of off-and-on snow and ice, Larry Young said ice often costs more than a good snowstorm and it has taken a fair amount of material to deal with ice this winter, but he believes the town will be good budget-wise. He added that a contractor has been hired to replace an unsafe bridge on Hudson Rd this summer.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Road Equipment Fund and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same. Moved by Sherm Allen,

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second by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT Passed. Discussion: Larry Young said since the town owns equipment, replacement is an ongoing job, and keeping up the fund makes purchases manageable for taxpayers. Currently, Truck 3 is near the end of its life, and one loader will need replacing down the road.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to waive petition requirements for organizations that received an appropriation from Charleston the previous year and that are not increasing the amount of funds requested, and, instead, require a letter of request to the Selectboard by December 31st for consideration to be included on the Town Meeting Warning?

Moved by Medora Jensen, second by Penelope. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT Passed. Asked if this meant the Selectboard would have the choice of approving or not, the Moderator said yes.

Article 8. 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 Bob Devaney, second by John Kellogg. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Asked about CVFD participation in ambulance calls, Chief Duane Moulton said state police call CVFD if the ambulance wants help, like lift assistance or emergency medical attention, and half of all fire department calls are EMS calls.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,174 to support the following and direct the Selectboard to assess a 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 NorthWoods Stewardship Center; d. \$900 to Dailey Memorial Library; e. \$700 to Island Pond Library; f. \$1,650 to Rural Community Transportation; g.\$500 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy; h. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging; i. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.; j. \$500 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter; k. \$3,000 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice; l. \$50 to GreenUp Vermont; m. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force Dry Hydrant Program; n. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids; p. \$700 to Umbrella. Moved by Nancy Engels; second by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Following a call for more information on Umbrella, Rebecca Midthun said they help shelter abused persons and Jean Wilson said they provide skills training that supports the Meals on Wheels program.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Roads: Larry Young welcomed input on roads. He reports the highway crew works ahead of school buses in winter and is eliminating trouble spots that used to be repaired annually—as examples, using stone not sand during mud season, replacing the Cole Rd bridge, and trying stay-mat on steep grades like Dane Hill. Town pit gravel works well, and the town will try new mixes to deal with slickness after rain. He said the town could explore “green” salt or higher salt mix for ice on Durgin Rd. Asked about a Hudson Rd grant, Mr. Young said ditching and culverts were done in 2017 with gravelling to happen this year. Good base and ditch are key, and with our own excavator, the town gets more done each year. Asked if new road standards were a cost concern, Mr. Young said the stone required to slow water and sediment in ditches will later require costly reprocessing to remove sand, and the town is working on solutions. Addressing environmental concerns, Meghann Carter said that new state road standards are based on best environmental practices and can improve

both environment and roads. Voters said Bernie and crew are doing a good job overall.

Ambulance: Ms. Carter said the town signed a one-year contract with nonprofit Newport Ambulance Service (NAS). Late last year, when Lyndon Rescue North (LRN) proposed a \$54,000 price—up from \$14,701 in 2017 mostly due to attendant compensation—the board felt this was untenable for taxpayers and solicited quotes from Derby Line and NAS, ultimately choosing NAS because they offered lower cost (\$29,000), showed capacity for quality service, and were taking good care of their people. Newport handled all 5 Charleston calls in 2018, and the board hears that they've been working well with CVFD and response time is better than expected—20-25 minutes. Fire Chief Duane Moulton said response time has been faster than LRN because NAS keeps attendants at the station. Asked if patients can still choose to go to NRVH, Mr. Moulton said he believed that was the case. Asked if Charleston might break the contract if Island Pond starts a squad, Ms. Carter said the board will take it year by year and continue to weigh options, including getting a quote from Derby Line in the fall. She added that costs are rising throughout the area as agencies improve employee compensation to attract and keep responders, and Derby is leading a committee to gather input for a new local ambulance model that works for our area with low population density.

Reappraisal: Head Lister Jean Wilson said the reappraisal is coming, and listers will be visiting properties as soon as snow melts. She introduced consultant John Westinghouse, who is helping the effort and available to answer questions.

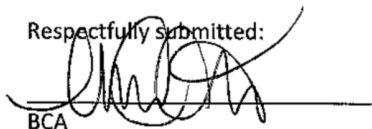
Office Hours: Asked about the possibility of evening office hours, Town Clerk Teri Gray said that she had no plans to extend hours but could consider it. Meanwhile, she and her assistant are available for appointments off-hours, and with notice are happy to come in early on Selectboard nights, second and fourth Thursdays.

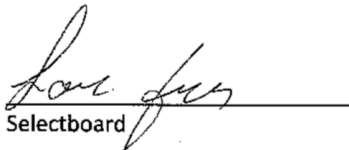
Community Solar: Tom Jensen recalled that after submitting an application for a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) in 2016, rules changed requiring the town to hire an attorney and engineer for a new application in 2017. The CPG was approved last fall, but installation was delayed so the town would have a year of solar credits before payments began. VEC has now looked at details of their hookup, and Hap Eliason is helping to oversee the installation, set to begin as soon as frost is gone. Diana Marckwardt added that an oversight committee has been set up that will continue for the life of the project—to oversee operation and report back periodically—currently comprised of 4 members but 2 are looking to step back. If interested, get hold of Colleen or Selectboard.

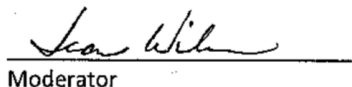
Seeing no other business, the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

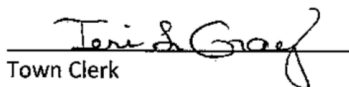
DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH 2018.

Respectfully submitted:


BCA


Selectboard


Moderator


Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

November 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Charleston Town Clerk's Office

MINUTES

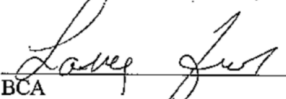
The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Moderator Jean Wilson.


Article 1. Will the voters of Charleston vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$316,400 over a term of seven years for the purposes of (1) refinancing the balance of the Town's existing equipment loan, and (2) purchasing an urgently-needed new 6-wheel dump truck with winter equipment and extended warranty, with the initial payment due in November 2019? The result will be a total annual payment of \$49,405 for seven years, which is comparable to the current annual payment of \$42,889.47 in order to minimize impact on the Town budget. Motion by John Kellogg, second by Teri Gray. Vote: Ayes have it. Motion carried. Discussion by Selectboard: Road Foreman and Selectboard have concluded that the Town's six-wheel dump truck with over 100,000 miles needs engine work and should be replaced this winter. The new truck is an International with Cummins motor and heavier-duty specs than the current. The total price is \$172,589, but with current trade-in value of \$27,500, plus \$20,000 from the equipment fund, the balance financed is \$125,089, roughly what has been paid on the existing equipment loan. The board is reluctant to use the remaining equipment fund balance of \$85,000 because this would leave the Town short if any equipment failed. The financing plan results in a \$6,500 annual increase in the town budget. Asked if there was a replacement plan for equipment and if any of the existing winter equipment could be reused, Mr. Pepin said the one-way plow might be salvaged, but everything else is worn. Selectboard Chair Meghann Carter said the board is looking to develop an equipment replacement plan going forward, and an old loader will probably be replaced next.

Article 2. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Selectboard member Larry Young suggested that once the Westmore Pit loan is paid off in two years, the Town could begin contributing an amount equal to the loan payment (approx. \$54,000) to the equipment fund in order to build the fund, and he asked for voter opinion on this. Several voters said this seemed doable for taxpayers since it would be a continuation of the amount already budgeted and not an increase.

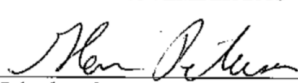
Seeing no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

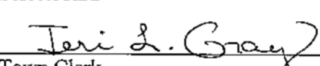
DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018



BCA


Moderator



Selectboard


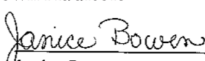
Town Clerk

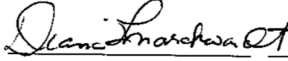
Auditors Report


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, 2018. 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 17th day of January 2019

Town Auditors


Janice Bowen


Diana Marckwardt


Michael Morelli

Town Auditors

General Fund Comparative Statement

Current Assets	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2018
General Cash Account	290,054.60	390,359.90
Revenues not yet received		
Delinquent Taxes	43,107.19	41,686.92
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	40.00	40.00
TOTAL ASSETS	333,825.88	432,710.91
SURPLUS (Assets - Liabilities)	333,825.88	432,710.91
Increase in Surplus from previous year		98,885.03
Encumbered Funds		
Road Surplus	13,063.09	55,413.69
Net Metering Income (for Loan)	0.00	4,854.55
Records Preservation Fund	4,883.90	5,700.90
Constable Fund	7,827.67	6,965.27
Cemetery Funds (due to CD)	0.00	550.00
	25,774.66	73,484.41
Unencumbered Funds	308,051.22	359,226.50
	333,825.88	432,710.91

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, 2018	85,543.17
Voted at 2018 Town Meeting	20,000.00
Deduct Truck Down Payment	-20,000.00
Interest	426.19
Balance December 31, 2018	85,969.36

Reappraisal Fund

Balance January 1, 2018	90,974.83
Add Receipts, State of Vermont	7,372.00
Deduct 2018 Reappraisal Expenditures	-31,754.07
Interest	445.24
Balance December 31, 2018	67,038.00

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	2018 Truck Loan	2018 Solar Installation Loan	Current Operating Loan (non-arbitrage)
Date	7/16/2012	10/27/2015 <i>(refinanced 2018)</i>	2/20/2019	11/20/2018	1/14/2019
Principal	400,000.00	317,049.00 <i>new 190,346.95</i>	-126,000	286,845.33	114,700.00
Interest Rate	1.95%	1.79%	3.00%	3.785%	3.00%
2018 Payment	54,488.38	42,889.47	0	0	0
Next Payment Date	7/26/2019	10/27/2019	TBD	11/20/2019	12/26/2019
Next Payment Amount	54,488.38	29,354.38	-20,051	20,873.62	TBD
Balance 12/31/2018	105,859.26	190,346.95	126,000.00	286,845.33	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	12/31/2018
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
2009 International Truck	2008	119,000.00
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
Grizzley 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
75 Gal Fuel Tank	2015	400.00
Fuel Transfer Pump	2015	300.00
Wedge Locks, pair	2017	600.00

Treasurer's Report:
2018 Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Tax Receipts

2018 Property Taxes Collected	1,773,687.04
HS122 Payments from State of VT	26,958.80
Current Use Change Fee Income	480.00
2018 Overpayments by Individuals	11,881.00
Current Use Hold Harmless from State of VT	55,052.00
Delinquent Taxes from Del. Tax Collector	80,563.26
Total Tax Receipts	1,948,622.10

Licenses

Liquor Licenses	70.00
Dog Licenses	1,201.00
Marriage Licenses	50.00
Total Licenses	1,321.00

Fees Received

Recording and Copies	8,847.00
Motor Vehicle Renewals	60.00
Fees for Records Preservation	817.00
Total Fees	9,724.00

Transfers to State of Vermont

Fees for Dog Licenses	988.00
Fees for Marriage Licenses	250.00
Total Transfer to State of Vermont	1,238.00

Delinquent Tax Collector

Interest on delinquent taxes	3,186.41
8% Penalty on delinquent taxes	6,223.31
Overpayments	111.25
Total Delinquent Tax Collector	9,520.97

Grants

Aquatic Nuisance / Watershed Grants (Echo Lake)	16,904.00
Total Grants	16,904.00

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements cont.

Miscellaneous

Charleston School District, financial services	3,750.00
Charleston School, 2017 Education Tax Refund	11,806.45
NCUHS, 2017 Education Tax Refund	4,051.77
Community National Bank, NOW account interest	2194.01
Solar Project Grant and Refunds	51,631.34
State of VT Reappraisal Fund, per-parcel payment	7,372.00
Clerk Grants	3,510.22
Dog License Refund	12.00
Reappraisal Fund, Transfer to Checking	24,382.07
Community Solar LOC, Transfer to Checking	296,798.93
Solar Net Metering from School/CVFD	4,854.55
Lister Training Reimbursement from State of VT	1,538.40
VLCT Insurance Refund	1,528.00
State of VT, PILOT	1,380.39
CNB, Non-arbitrage interest	6,769.85

Total Miscellaneous	421,579.98
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Total 2018 Road Receipts less Taxes (see Road Report)	411,956.99
Total 2018 Cemetery Receipts less Taxes (see Cemetery Report)	5,464.87

Total	2,826,331.91
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Transfer to School Accounts as voted	1,260,534.45
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Total after transfer	1,565,797.46
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Add Balance, January 1, 2018	289,996.89
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Total including January Balance	1,855,794.35
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Deduct Disbursements:

Selectboard Orders	727,726.10
Road Dept Orders	721,335.80
Cemetery Orders	16,522.55

Total Disbursements	1,465,584.45
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GENERAL FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018	390,209.90
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Accounted for as follows:

Community National Bank NOW Checking account	390,209.90
Cash on hand	150.00

Balance December 31, 2018	390,359.90
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Statement of 2018 Municipal Tax Rate

General	204,604.80
Roads	364,792.50
Cemetery	11,830.00
Veterans Exemption	4,336.14
Appropriations	50,419.00
Charleston Historical Society	500.00
Charleston Volunteer Fire Department	38,245.00
Dailey Memorial Library	900.00
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 Citizens Advocacy	500.00
Orleans County Historical Society	0.00
Pope Memorial Animal Society	500.00
Rural Community Transportation, Inc	1,650.00
VSO Symphony Kids	100.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00
Umbrella	700.00

TOTAL BUDGET TO BE RAISED	635,982.44
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Municipal Grand List	1,001,585.00
Tax Rate for Municipal	0.634976

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	635,982.44
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Statement of Taxes Raised

Taxes Billed	Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Non-Residential Education	514,218.00	1.4850	763,614.78
Homestead Education	492,870.00	1.4284	704,015.50
General	1,001,400.00	0.2043	204,585.83
Roads	1,001,400.00	0.3442	344,682.02
Cemetery	1,001,400.00	0.0118	11,816.52
Veterans Exemption	1,001,400.00	0.0043	4,306.04
Rd Equip Appropriation	1,001,400.00	0.0199	19,927.77
Fire Department Appropriation	1,001,400.00	0.0382	38,253.70
Svc Org Appropriations	1,001,400.00	0.0122	12,217.07
Total Taxes Billed			2,103,419.23

Adjustments to Original Billings

Late Homestead penalty	656.47
Final Taxes Billed	2,104,075.70

Taxes accounted for as follows:

Property Taxes Collected by Treasurer	1,801,125.84
State Payment to School	223,812.49
Delinquent Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector	79,142.99
	<u>2,104,081.32</u>
Credit due to taxpayer (to be paid in 2019)	-5.62
	<u>2,104,075.70</u>

Distribution of Treasurer's Collections

General Fund	540,591.39
School Fund	<u>1,260,534.45</u>
Total Distribution	1,801,125.84

Selectboard Report

EXPENSES

Town Officers

Total Wages paid to Employees & Officers	98,719.01
Social Security paid	6,120.58
Medicare paid	1,431.42
VMERS Retirement	6,464.65
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	112,735.66

Insurance

VLCT/PACIF, Commercial Package	19,103.00
VLCT, Workers Comp. Insurance	22,165.00
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	41,268.00

Printing & Advertising

Reprodigital, Town Reports	491.90
Kelsey Evans, Town Report Layout	225.00
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	716.90

Other Expenses

Clerk & Treasurer Supplies	1,412.73
Clerk & Treasurer Postage	1,199.56
Planning Commission Postage & Ads/Notices	102.62
Listers' Expenses (postage, supplies, tax maps, misc.)	453.87
Listers' Mileage	498.30
Listers' Training/Dues	1,394.27
Listers' Reappraisal Expenses (equip, support, hours)	9,425.57
Tax Collector's Expenses	50.00
Town Office Janitorial	245.52
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	14,782.44

Utilities & Upkeep

Electric	1,481.30
Street Lights	3,369.70
Community Solar	349,162.44

Selectboard Report cont.

Utilities & Upkeep cont.

Telephone	917.34
Solid Waste/Recycling	4,392.00
Lawn Care	316.00
Records Preservation	642.60
Equipment & Repairs	986.00
Building Upkeep/Repairs	491.31
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	361,758.69

Taxes Paid Out

Orleans County Treasurer, County Tax	14,711.12
Town of Westmore, Town Farm Property Tax	140.74
Town of Barton, Gravel Pit Property Tax	1,873.01
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	16,724.87

Miscellaneous

Community National Bank, interest paid	6,409.43
CNB, Gravel Pit loan payment	54,488.38
Newport Ambulance Service	29,462.00
VT State Treasurer, Marriage Licenses	250.00
VT State Treasurer, Dog Licenses	988.00
VLCT, dues	2,192.00
VMCTA, dues	55.00
NVDA, dues	767.00
Legal Fees	1,212.50
Tax refunds	11,989.15
NEMRC, computer support/contract	1,418.26
Kevaco, website hosting	195.00
Tech Patrol, IT support	422.50
Clerk/Treasurer & Selectboard mileage	994.29
Constable Expense (mileage, equip, kennel, misc)	262.40
911 Signs	491.65
Election Supplies (chairs, cart)	451.21
VLCT, Selectboard Training	90.00

Selectboard Report cont.

Miscellaneous cont.

Town of Charleston, petty cash withdrawal	92.29
Andrea Smith, refund dog license overpayment	12.00
Teri Gray, syrup	6.00
Vermont Work Offender Program, curve sign	167.48
	112,416.54

Grant Expenses

Echo Lake Protective Association	16,904.00
	16,904.00

TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET EXPENDITURES	677,307.10
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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	38,245.00
Dailey Memorial Library	900.00
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
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
	50,419.00

TOTAL SELECTBOARD DISBURSEMENTS	727,726.10
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Road Department Report

SUMMARY

Road Dept Receipts

State Aid, Class 2 & 3 Highways	87,799.82
VTrans Engineering Grant (Hudson Rd Br#5 box culvert)	3,757.50
VTrans Structures Grant (Hudson Rd Br#5 box culvert)	99,211.50
VTrans Structures Grant (Durgin Br#8 planing & repaving)	27,648.17
VT, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (Hudson Rd culverts, ditch, crown)	107,210.81
VT, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (Cole Rd box culvert)	74,544.84
VT, FEMA Admin Costs Grant (Cole Rd box culvert)	1,249.35
VT, Grants-in-Aid Pilot (Dane Hill Rd stone ditch)	7,500.00
VT, DEC ERP Grant (Shoulder Retriever equipment)	2,900.00
Efficiency Vermont, rebate	100.00
Empower Retirement, Redeposit Contribution to correct error	20.00
Larry Young, used culvert	15.00

Total Road Receipts **411,956.99**

Voted for 2018 Road Budget (Taxes) 344,792.50

Voted for 2018 Road Equip Fund (Taxes) 20,000.00

Total Voted for Roads **364,792.50**

TOTAL ROAD REVENUES **776,749.49**

Total Available Road Funds 776,749.49

Deduct Disbursements

Highways	709,386.30
Class IV	11,949.50

Total Disbursements **721,335.80**

Surplus **55,413.69**

EXPENDITURES

Highway Department

Wages & Stipends	183,032.94
Social Security paid	11,348.15
Medicare paid	2,654.05
Retirement Expense	16,791.71
VLCT Unemployment Ins.	674.00
Health Insurance	8,884.40
Supplies	8,452.43
Tools/Equipment	4,318.21

Road Department Report cont.

Expenditures cont.

Telephone	771.23
Parts & Repairs	31,101.08
Hired Svcs - Patenaude Bush Hogging (Roadside Mowing)	9,940.00
Hired Svcs - Ruggles Engineering (Hudson Rd box culvert)	3,650.00
Hired Svcs - JP Sicard (Hudson Rd box culvert)	110,235.00
Hired Svcs - Green & Son (Streeter Rd culvert)	3,000.00
Hired Svcs - JBL Excavating (Streeter Rd culvert)	1,762.50
Hired Svcs - Clark's Trucking (Hudson Rd FEMA)	17,380.00
Electricity	1,600.00
Diesel, Oil, Gas	44,772.18
Tires	9,722.39
Blades & Shoes	5,546.48
Sand, Gravel, Stone & Crushing	46,695.50
Chloride/Salt	47,082.85
Road Supplies (culverts, seed, hay)	11,328.86
Road Equipment (Equip Fund deposit used as down payment)	20,000.00
Road Equipment (Shoulder Retriever Attachment)	7,250.00
Road Equipment (Work Basket for Loader)	2,605.00
Road Equipment loan payment (annual)	42,889.47
Road Equipment loan payment (payment from 2017 surplus)	13,063.09
Building Repairs (Garage)	5,817.18
Road Signs (Stop, MPH, posts)	1,304.56
Paving (Patch Mix, Pike Industries for Durgin Br#8)	29,770.14
Firewood	2,100.00
Equipment Rental	1,500.00
Municipal Roads General Permit MRGP (new requirement)	1,990.00
Misc. Road Expenses	352.90

Summer/Winter Road Total	709,386.30
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Class IV Highway Dept.

Wages	0.00
Hired Services	8,677.50
Sand & Gravel	3,272.00
Excavating	0.00

Class IV Total	11,949.50
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TOTAL ROAD EXPENDITURES	721,335.80
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Cemetery Commissioners' Report

Receipts	Total
Hillside - Dividend from Dominion Resources	60.12
Hillside - CD Int from Passumpsic Bank	179.41
West Village - CD Int from Passumpsic Bank	125.39
Lot(s) sold	3,800.00
Voted at Town Meeting for Cemetery Dept.	11,830.00
Insurance Claim, mower theft	1,299.95
Total Receipts	17,294.87

Disbursements	
Wages Paid for Labor	6,630.00
Social Security & Medicare	507.25
Heritage Memorials, corner posts	420.00
Driver's Outdoor Power Equipment, Repairs/Supplies	523.90
Driver's Outdoor power Equipment, Equip purchase	5,089.84
Reimbursement, gas	406.96
Fence & Stone Repairs	1,250.00
Flags for Veterans' graves	144.60
Perpetual Care, paid to CDs	1,550.00
Total Disbursements	16,522.55
Receipts Less Disbursements	772.32

Cemetery Trust Funds	Total
Hillside: Community Natl Bank CD @2.25% matures 8/1/2019	45,005.84
West Village & Bly et al: Community Natl Bank CD @2.25% matures 8/1/2019	30,338.01
	<hr/> 75,343.85
Hillside: 2018 lot sale funds in General Checking	550.00
Total Trust Funds, December 31, 2018	75,893.85

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

State statute requires the town listers to assess and list property at its fair market value. The last town wide reappraisal occurred in 2006. This current reappraisal should be completed by June 2019. There has been a good number of current sales in town to adequately establish a basis for new updated values for both land and structures. To date, most properties have had a site inspection. A pamphlet with new values will be sent to every property owner and there will be adequate time for review and grievances. We are working closely with an outside consultant who has helped develop our cost and land schedules.

The following statistics are available for your information and review:

Charleston 2018 Municipal Grand List Summary

Property Type	# of Parcels	Listed Value
Residential	405	66,337,200
Mobile Homes	87	5,077,500
Seasonal	99	13,857,700
Commercial	9	679,200
Utilities	3	5,328,700
Farms	25	10,070,000
Open Land/Wood	121	7,087,000
PP Cable (education tax only)	1	568,800
Totals	750	109,006,100
Less exemptions*		8,866,100
Total Grand List (municipal)		100,140,000

***Exemptions include: Current Use: \$7,845,400; Veterans: \$400,000; Contracts: \$620,700*

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, 2018 – Dec 31, 2018

Tax Year	2017	2018
Uncollected Taxes	43,107.19	79,142.99
Uncollected as of	1/1/18	10/20/18
Collected in 2018	32,567.39	37,456.07
Collected by Tax Sale	10,539.80	0.00
Uncollected as of 12/31/2018	0.00	41,686.92

2018 Delinquent Tax Revenue

2017 Taxes Collected in 2018	32,567.39
2017 Collected by Tax Sale 7/17/2018	10,539.80
2018 Taxes Collected	37,456.07
	80,563.26

2018 Delinquent Taxes

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Bennett, John W	985.76
Bowen, Gary	847.96
Bowen, Gary	1804.04
Bowen, Gary	1995.74
Broe, John W & Pauline	0
Chandler, June Life	979.39
Connor, Michael & Vickie	354.03
Desanto, Derrick	1327.28
Firestine, Robert W	2789.79
Fitzpatrick (Cleverly), Dawn	2399.73
Ford, Michael	277.90
Frechette, Normand	2158.06
Gray, Rachel	47.45
Griffin, Francis E	300.00
Hosford, David	21.20
Jensen, Isaac Et Al	204.90
Jensen, Thomas	1374.29
Joslyn, Bryce & Brenda	1026.03

2018 Delinquent Taxes, cont.

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Labounty, Michael Sr & A. Hillis	2138.98
Messier, Norman	1216.06
Morse, Rene & Amber	2684.29
Moulton, Dwight & Shirley	2135.50
Moulton, Victoria (Carpenter)	2659.48
Mount, Jeffrey	788.60
Plankey, Larry & Frances	1513.61
Rogers, Avis B	517.21
Sachs, Peter	129.32
Smart, Aaron	1611.12
Smith, James C & Julie	1035.78
Valenti, Michael	2460.68
Veronesi, Amy	2556.60
Vought, William J	591.46
Winston, Jennison Investments	754.68
Total	41,686.92

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 2018

The year 2018 marks the 64th year for the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department.

2018 has seen the department called out a total of 27 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.

In 2018, the CVFD invested in an addition to the fire station. We were faced with a station that was becoming increasingly crowded forcing us to store critical equipment such as the snowmobile and water rescue equipment off site. We explored the option of building a new station, but finding a site and then the permitting process seemed daunting. After a lengthy consideration we decided that we could add on a meeting area along with bathroom and kitchen facilities and it would be a more efficient expenditure of our funds. The project was completed at the end of 2018.

NOTE: The CVFD would also like to mention that the new meeting space is available for community use. If anyone would like to use the space, please contact Duane Moulton, Britt Moulton, Blair Moulton, or Dan Whipple.

Our regular membership for 2018 was stable and stands at 25 senior members and 3 junior members.

The 65th annual oyster supper was held on Saturday October 6th. 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 66th annual oyster supper!

As last year, the budget request for 2019, of \$38,245 reflects a level funded amount in recognition of an economy that is still recovering and the board's ability to be prudent with expenditures. The board has functioned with a level funded budget since 2012.

On a final note, the CVFD still 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 Volunteer Fire Dept

2018 Income & Expenses

Income

General Donations	2,029.40
Interest	130.93
Oyster Supper	9,890.00
Charleston Town	38,245.00
Morgan Town	14,754.00
Memorials Donations	695.00
Sewing Machine Raffle	893.00
911 Signs	24.00
Total Income	66,661.33
Loan (For building addition)	70,000.00
Grand Total Income	136,661.33

Expenses

New Addition	97,398.89	Postage	554.00
Bank Fee	58.50	Professional Fees	756.58
Communication	2,098.54	Rubbish Removal	255.80
Dues	452.00	Secretarial Supplies	358.31
E-Dispatch	1,548.00	Small Tools	3,681.94
Equipment Repair	259.46	Spates the Florist	62.00
Fire Prevention	335.92	Fire Station Supplies	1,223.20
Workers Comp. Ins.	1,091.00	Training	1,605.00
UI Insurance	11,321.00	Truck Repair	3,842.36
Office Equipment	494.33	Turnout Gear	4,134.40
Oyster Supper	1,617.23	Utilities	5,945.46
Snow Removal	800.00	Total Expenses	139,893.92

Balance on hand at the start of 2019

Checking Account	229.63
Regular Savings	43,693.81
Equipment Savings	73,940.30
Total start of 2019	117,863.74



January 9, 2019

To: Board of Selectmen
Charleston, Vermont

Dear Board and Citizens,

In 2018 we responded to 2531 calls. Of those 85 were to the town of Charleston. This does not represent the number of transfers of Charleston citizens that we did to other Hospitals.

As you have heard, two of the services in the area have closed and one service pulled out. This left many towns uncovered; we were able to hire additional staff from one of the services and with the funding from those towns able to set up a regional service that is reliable and sustainable for the future. This also allowed us to keep our cost at a reasonable rate to the towns we were already serving. We now have two 24-hour crews with a 12-hour daytime crew and a fourth crew on call. Included in the 2531 calls above are 93 mutual aid calls that we responded to outside of our area. We have received 7 mutual aid calls from other services; 6 of those were when we first took on the new towns.

We were able to keep our costs down in 2018 by securing a USDA grant to help offset the cost of purchasing new Zoll X series cardiac monitors. We have also secured some smaller grants and donations from the local communities to help with other equipment purchases.

Michael Paradis will be retiring as of May 1 st and we have promoted Jeff Johansen to replace him. Michael has served in this position for 30 years and will be missed. Jeff has been with us for 13 years; he is a Paramedic and has served in many roles with us.

We still had large write offs to Medicare, Medicaid and the V.A. This will always be the case as these programs have set rates that they'll pay.

We are working hard to get a substation up and running in Morgan as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support. If we can answer any question or concerns about the service, please feel free to contact us at 334-2023.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

Charles Pronto, President

Michael A. Paradis, Chief Executive Officer

Jeff Johansen, Chief Operations Officer

Notes

DEDICATION

Charleston has Mustang Pride!

The Charleston Selectboard dedicates the 2018 Town Report to the Board, Staff, and families of the Charleston Elementary School District for everything they do to make our town school a source of pride for our community.

We also thank the community for being outspoken about the importance of maintaining our town School District and keeping school decision making in the hands of Charleston voters and families.

The Charleston school opened for classes in 1972 and was featured on the cover of the 1972 Town Report. That year, the School Board and Superintendent concluded their report with these words of appreciation to the many people who helped make the new school building possible:

“We appreciate the fine cooperative effort made by the citizens and friends of Charleston to provide a better education for children.”

We echo their appreciation for the ongoing cooperation of the Charleston community in providing a high-quality education for our children, now and into the future.

In appreciation,
The Charleston Selectboard

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Charleston Town Solar Array, Commissioned 2018