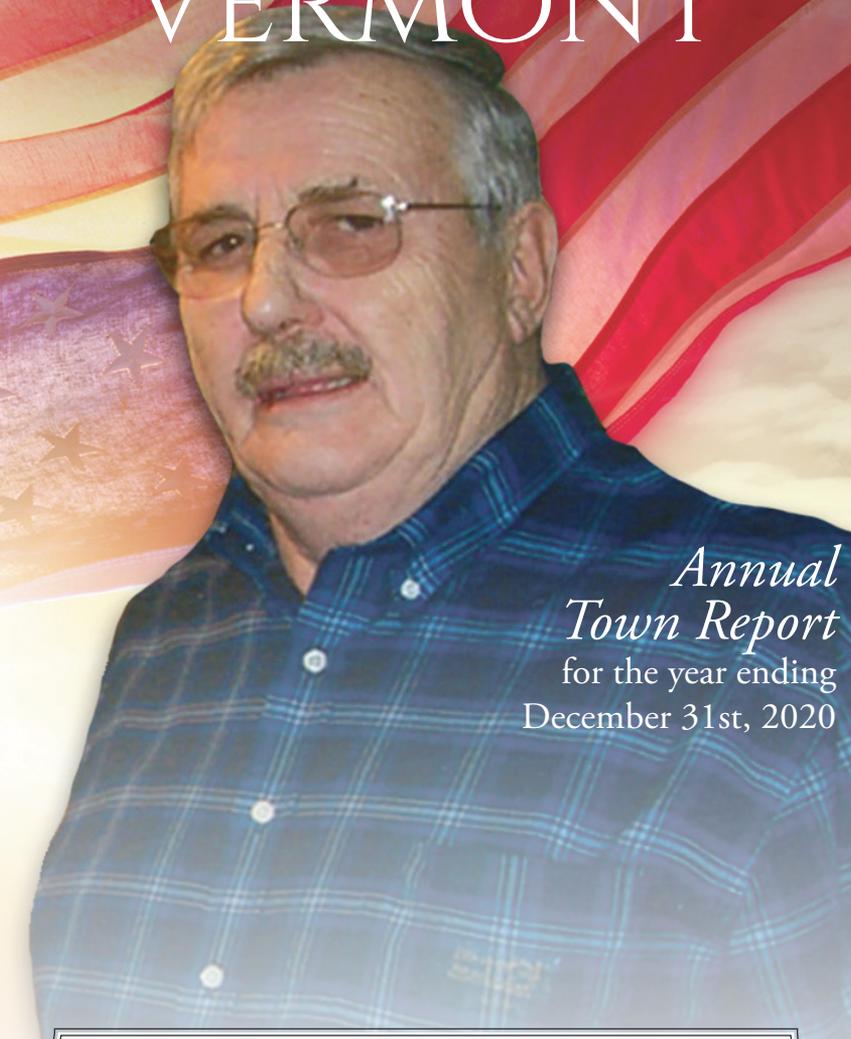


CHARLESTON VERMONT

A portrait of an older man with grey hair, a mustache, and glasses, wearing a blue and white plaid button-down shirt. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera. The background is a stylized American flag with red and white stripes and a field of stars.

*Annual
Town Report*
for the year ending
December 31st, 2020

Honoring Wayne Bowen

Contacts

Town Clerk.....895-2814/ FAX 895-2714

5063 VT Route 105, West Charleston, Vermont 05872
townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net
www.charlestonvt.org

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.
Closed Wednesdays and Fridays. Other hours by appointment.

Special Hours Oct 18-22, 2021: Monday–Thursday 8-3; Friday 8–5

COVID restrictions have affected office service. Please call ahead.

Listers.....895-2814
charlestonlisters@comcast.net

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

Charleston Elementary School.....895-2915

Constable.....

Second Constable/Animal Control..... 274-0900

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 6:00 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 5:30pm. 2021 schedule: March 11, June 10, September 9, and December 9. 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	2021
Town Clerk & Treasurer	3 Yrs	Teri Gray	2022
Selectboard	3 Yrs	Patrick Austin	2021
		Peter Moskovites	2022
		Larry Young	2023
Listers	3 Yrs	Jean Wilson	2021
		Steve Wilson	2022
		John Westinghouse	2023
Town Auditors	3 Yrs	Michael Morelli	2021
		Diana Marckwardt	2022
		Janice Bowen	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 Yr	Grace Frizzell	2021
First Constable	2 Yrs	Jonathan Bruce (<i>resigned</i>)	2021
Second Constable	1 Yr	Sarah Jenness (<i>appt'd</i>)	2021
Cemetery Commissioners	5 Yrs	Darald Moulton	2021
		Martin Davis	2022
		Dean Bennett	2023
		Nancy Rice (<i>resigned</i>)	2024
		Sherman Allen, Jr.	2025
School Directors	3 Yrs	Heather Wright	2021
		Kristen Watson	2022
		Ryan Besaw	2023
Town Agent	1 Yr	<i>(office repealed by statute)</i>	
N.C.U.H.S. Director	3 Yrs	Peter Moskovites	2021
ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION	TERM	OFFICER	EXPIRES
Justices of the Peace	2 Yrs	Benjamin Applegate	1/31/2023
		Carolyn Hannan	1/31/2023
		Terry Rollins	1/31/2023
		Samantha Stevens	1/31/2023
		Jean Wilson	1/31/2023

Town Officers cont.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Road Commissioner	Peter Moskovites, Larry Young, Patrick Austin
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	Sarah Jenness
Surveyor of Wood & Coal	Michael Currie
Health Officer	Peter Moskovites
Truant Officer	Orleans County Sheriff
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	Patrick Austin, Laurie Gee, Teri Gray, Mark Hinton, John Kellogg, Christopher Lawson, Phil Marquette, Patrick Mclaughlin, Bruce Melendy, Duane Moulton, Peter Moskovites, Bernie Pepin, Maria Young, Tom Wagner, Kristen Watson, Larry Young

Important Dates

2021

- 1/18 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/15 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/20 2020 Town Reports available
- 3/1 Town & School Election VIRTUAL Informational Meeting 6pm
- 3/2 2021 Town & School BALLOT ELECTION 10am-7pm, Town Office
- 4/1 Vermont Deadline to License Dogs w/o late penalty
- 4/15 Deadline: VT Income Tax Return, Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment Claim
- 5/1 Deadline to apply to VT Office of Veterans Affairs for property tax exemption
- 5/1 GreenUp Day, drop off bags at Town Office
- 5/31 Memorial Day – Town Office Closed
- 7/5 Independence Day Observed – Town Office Closed
- 8/1 2021 Property Tax Bills mailed (approximate)
- 9/6 Labor Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/11 Indigenous People's Day – Town Office Closed
- 10/20 Town Office OPEN 8-3 for payment of property taxes
- 10/22 Property Tax payments due to Town Clerk by 5 pm, (Office OPEN 8-5)
- 11/11 Veterans Day - Town Office Closed
- 11/25 Thanksgiving – Town Office Closed – NO Selectboard Mtg
- 12/30 New Year's – Town Office Closed

2022

- 1/17 MLK Day – Town Office Closed
- 2/21 Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed
- 3/1 2022 Town Meeting

Town Clerk Services

COVID restrictions have affected office service. Please call ahead.

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 22, 2021 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.

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

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Town Meeting & Voter Registration

2021 Charleston Elections

Mar 2 Town & School District Annual Meeting. Voting in 2021 will take place by Australian ballot due to COVID-19 precautions. Vote at the polls from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Town Clerk's Office, or request an absentee ballot ahead of time.

Mar 1 Informational Meeting. Selectboard and School Board members will answer questions about articles on the ballot at a REMOTE informational meeting scheduled for March 1st at 6:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance through the Town Clerk's Office or townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net.

To Participate by Video:

Use the Zoom app or visit [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and click 'Join a Meeting'
Enter Meeting ID: 836 2978 0134
Passcode: 825868

To Participate by Telephone:

Dial Toll-Free: 877-853-5247
Enter Meeting ID: 836 2978 0134
Passcode: 825868
Alternate telephone numbers: 888-788-0099, 833-548-0276, 833-548-0282

Register to Vote

Applicants must register to vote in the town where they currently reside. 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.

You may also register to vote online at olvr.vermont.gov

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 containing your residential address

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.vermont.gov

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.

Highway Right-of-Way (ROW) & 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

The Charleston Community Solar (CCS) array has operated for 2.5 years. Net metering credits are applied 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 amount of their credit toward the annual solar loan payment.

Revenue & Expenses

2020 Revenue for the project includes (1) net metering reimbursement from the school and fire department and (2) taxes raised for electricity. 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

2020 REVENUE

Net Metering Reimbursement from CES & CVFD	15,567.55
Taxes Raised for Electricity & Solar Loan	11,192.74
Total Revenue	26,760.29

2020 EXPENSE

Payments to VEC	4,106.67
Annual Loan Payment	20,873.62
Total Expense	24,980.29

2020 REVENUE - EXPENSE \$ 1,780.00

[NOTE: a positive Revenue-Expense means the Town is under budget for electricity in 2020]

Effect on Electricity Costs

Thus far, Town electricity costs have been less since the installation of the solar array. Long term, the town can expect a period of “free” electricity at the end of 20 years when the loan is paid off and the array is still in production.

Town Electricity Costs by Year

	Before Solar Project			Solar Project		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Town Office	1,697.98	1,535.28	1,714.78	1,481.30	1,304.21	1,337.52
Street Lights	5,139.23	4,762.34	5,452.67	3,369.70	1,418.54	1,770.20
Town Garage	1,333.84	1,237.49	1,597.06	1,600.00	794.94	776.23
Solar Array Acct Fee		-	-	18.26	219.12	222.72
Loan payment, less net-metering reimbursement		-	-	-	1,886.11	5,306.07
Annual Total \$	10,186.05	9,551.11	10,781.51	8,487.26	7,641.92	9,412.74

2020 Electricity Production

As of December 31, 2020, the array had produced 110,159 MWh, compared to 104.106 MWh in 2019.

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.'

Recycling & Composting Options

Remember: Food scraps CANNOT go in the trash (as of July 1, 2020)

Please contact your trash hauler to find out about recycling services in your area. Local rubbish haulers include:

- **Casella, Charleston, 895-4889**
- **Dave's Rubbish, Newport, 766-8042**

Charleston residents can also drop off recycling and food scraps at local facilities:

- **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, Lyndonville, 626-3532**

Charleston is a NEKWMD member town. Sorted recycling and food scraps 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.

- **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. Food scraps can also be dropped off for a fee. Detailed list of accepted and prohibited items available from Casella. Hours are M–F 7:00 am – 3:30 pm, Sat 8:00 – 11:30 am.

For a list of residential food scrap hauling companies, including Keep It Green Composting in Albany (802-673-6728), and resources for home composting, contact NEKWMD or visit www.nekwmd.org/compost.html

The Town of Charleston does not provide curbside rubbish or recycling pickup.

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.

2020 Dog Licenses Sold (137 dogs were licensed in 2020)

By December 31	Cost	Qty	Total Fees
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	9.00	101	909.00
Intact Dogs	13.00	23	299.00
Kennel License (up to 10 dogs)	56.00	1	56.00
Kennel License (extra dog)	3.00	0	0.00

After April 1 (*Late fees were waived during the COVID-19 state of emergency*)

Spayed/Neutered Dogs	11.00	0	0.00
Intact Dogs	17.00	0	0.00
New Neutered Dogs	9.00	2	18.00
New Intact Dogs	13.00	0	0.00

Total Due for Dog Licenses

\$1,282.00

Total Collected

Town License Fees	651.00
State License Fees	631.00

Total Dog Fees Collected

\$1,282.00

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.

2020 Vital Statistics

Births



Ryker Carpenter to Jessica & Dillon Carpenter	January 2020
Cooper Fortin to Alexa & Tyler Fortin	January 2020
Sawyer Farrow to Angela Raboin & Daniel Farrow	January 2020
Connor Cargill to Ashley Blais & Casey Cargill	February 2020
Braxton Scelza to Jessica Welch & Jeffrey Scelza	February 2020
Ace-Jameson Cloney to Natasha-Emily Chaffee & Mathew Cloney	May 2020
Brynlee Tanner to Katelyn Beaumont & Brandon Tanner	September 2020
Arya Moore-Lamphere to Janessa Carruth	December 2020

Civil Marriages



Alexa Williams to Tyler Fortin	1/12/2020
Derrick Davis to Tiffani Glodgett	2/11/2020
Elisabeth Brown to Ellen Delaney	2/12/2020
Sherry Denno to John Wilford Jr.	7/4/2020
Desiree Abel to Kyle Aldrich	7/25/2020
Nicholas Prive to Deianaira Kelley	8/1/2020
Cody Randall to Michelle Pippa	8/29/2020
Lindsey Gaboriault to Jordan Gray	9/19/2020

Deaths



Wayne Bowen	age 76	1/21/2020
Arvin Anderson	age 82	2/25/2020
Veda Gonyaw	age 70	3/8/2020
William Vogel	age 96	4/6/2020
Neta Aldrich	age 77	4/23/2020
Linda Thomas	age 70	6/20/2020
Frederick Byrd, Jr.	age 73	10/28/2020
Ann Blow	age 68	11/28/2020

Warning

Charleston Annual Town & School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Charleston, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that a local election will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to vote for candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following questions, with all business transacted by Australian ballot. The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place is located at the Charleston Town Clerk's Office, 5063 VT Route 105 in Charleston.

OFFICES:

Town Moderator	Cemetery Commissioner (5yr)
Selectperson	Cemetery Commissioner (3yr)
Town Lister	School Director (3yr)
Town Auditor	School Director (1yr)
Delinquent Tax Collector	School Treasurer
First Constable	North Country High School Dir.
Second Constable	

SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES:

Article 5. Shall the voters of the School District approve the school board to expend \$2,252,454.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,193.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.52% lower than spending in the current year.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to make repairs and improvements to the Charleston Elementary School property in preparation for, and the purchase of, a two classroom modular building, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00, to be financed over a period of ten (10) years, subject to reduction by any available construction aid and grants received?

TOWN ARTICLES:

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes with a final due date of Friday, October 22, 2021, 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 22, 2021, with postmarks not accepted as timely payment?

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$868,076.14 for Selectboard, highway, and cemetery operating expenses for the year beginning Jan. 1, 2021, of which \$648,895.01 shall be raised by taxes and \$219,181.13 by non-tax revenue?

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to expend \$50,000 of the 2020 Highway Surplus of \$128,978.19 to repave and upgrade Center School Road?

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to transfer \$78,978.19 of the 2020 Highway Surplus of \$128,978.19 to the Road Equipment reserve fund?

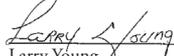
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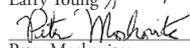
Charleston Annual Town & School District Meeting

- 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 \$12,374.00 to the following organizations, which received appropriations of the same amount in 2020, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax over and above the budget to meet the same?
- 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 NorthWoods 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. \$600 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging for services to elder and disabled Vermonters
 - i. \$1,074 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. for mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services to residents
 - j. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for care of unwanted pets
 - k. \$3,000 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice for community nursing and health programs
 - l. \$50 to GreenUp Vermont for the statewide cleanup event and bags
 - m. \$100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Dry Hydrant Program
 - n. \$100 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra Symphony Kids for performances for local students
 - o. \$700 to Umbrella for domestic violence prevention and services to victims

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021

By the Selectboard members of the Town
of Charleston:

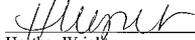

Larry Young


Peter Moskovites


Patrick Austin

By the School board members of the Town
of Charleston:


Kristen Watson


Heather Wright

Ryan Besaw

2021 Proposed Town Budget

REVENUES		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
00-6-10	Tax Revenues			
00-6-10.05	Current Property Taxes	184,415.43	174,083.84	127,082.09
00-6-10.15	Land Use/Hold Harmless	81,891.68	80,701.00	87,000.00
00-6-10.18	Delinquent Taxes	0.00	64,568.18	0.00
00-6-10.19	Delinquent Taxes Interest	0.00	2,836.58	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	22,382.65	0.00
00-6-10.30	Tax Collector Fees	0.00	5,250.82	0.00
Total Tax Revenues		267,488.24	351,004.20	215,263.22
00-6-20	Permits Revenues			
00-6-20.05	2nd Class Liquor License	140.00	140.00	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	651.00	800.00
00-6-20.25	Dog Licenses (State)	750.00	631.00	640.00
Total Permits Revenues		2,030.00	1,902.00	1,820.00
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	11,966.15	8,500.00
00-6-40.15	Records Preservation Fees	2,000.00	3,516.00	2,000.00
00-6-40.20	Interest, Checking Acct.	1,500.00	3,460.17	1,500.00
00-6-40.32	Interest, Non Arbitrage	0.00	4,873.89	0.00
00-6-40.62	Prev. Yr School Tax Adjust.	0.00	18,956.00	0.00
00-6-40.75	State of VT, fines	0.00	77.50	0.00
00-6-40.80	DMV renewals	45.00	36.00	30.00
00-6-40.85	Reappraisal Fund	0.00	7,334.00	0.00
00-6-40.90	Clerk Grants	0.00	11,240.95	0.00
00-6-40.91	Aquatic Nuisance (Echo)	0.00	9,609.00	0.00
00-6-40.92	Water Quality Grant (Echo)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
00-6-40.97	Net Metering	14,000.00	15,567.55	12,000.00
00-6-40.98	Emergency Operations Ctr	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
00-6-40.99	Misc. Fee Receipts	0.00	399.53	0.00
Total Fees & Other Revenues		29,795.00	97,286.74	27,780.00

2021 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
00-6-50	Road Dept Revenues			
00-6-50.10	State Aid, Highways	86,800.00	114,851.14	91,000.00
00-6-50.17	Better Roads Grant	0.00	23,298.42	0.00
00-6-50.20	Special Highway Grants	8,218.00	9,496.22	8,800.00
00-6-50.25	Equipment Loan	0.00	60,000.00	0.00
00-6-50.35	Taxes for Roads (Hwy & CI IV)	468,112.51	468,112.51	511,812.92
00-6-50.99	Misc. Road Receipts	0.00	100,050.00	0.00
Total Road Revenues		563,130.51	775,808.29	611,612.92
00-6-60	Cemetery Revenues			
00-6-60.10	Sale of Lots	0.00	690.00	0.00
00-6-60.15	CD Interest	1,550.00	1,736.61	1,550.00
00-6-60.20	Dividends (Dominion)	50.00	62.10	50.00
00-6-60.25	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,100.00	0.00
00-6-60.30	Posts	0.00	210.00	0.00
00-6-60.37	Taxes for Cemetery	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Cemetery Revenues		11,600.00	13,798.71	11,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES		874,043.75	1,239,799.94	868,076.14
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	790.72	1,700.00
05-7-26.00	Legal Services	1,500.00	670.00	1,500.00
05-7-27.05	Loan repayment, interest	0.00	4,661.32	0.00
05-7-31.00	Watershed Quality Exp.	0.00	14,609.00	0.00
05-7-50.00	Pit Purchase expenses	54,488.38	54,475.56	0.00
05-7-55.00	Planning Commission	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
05-7-99.00	Misc. Select Board Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Selectboard		64,063.78	79,082.00	9,575.40
10-7	Election Unit			
10-7-10.00	Election Officers	500.00	44.00	100.00
10-7-12.00	Election Officers SS	31.00	2.73	6.20

2021 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
10-7	Election Unit cont.			
10-7-13.00	Election Officers Medi	7.25	0.64	1.45
10-7-21.00	Election Supplies	300.00	599.78	2,000.00
Total Election Unit		838.25	647.15	2,107.65
15-7	Finance Department			
15-7-10.00	Clerk/Treasurer Salary	39,193.50	39,193.50	40,500.00
15-7-10.05	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	18,720.00	20,389.50	19,500.00
15-7-10.10	Auditors Wages	1,000.00	684.00	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	200.00
15-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	3,659.46	3,739.65	3,782.00
15-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	855.84	874.56	298.12
15-7-14.00	Retirement Expense	6,959.73	7,317.61	2,441.50
15-7-16.00	Workers Compensation Ins.	14,228.00	14,603.00	11,754.00
15-7-17.00	Mileage, Clerk & Ass't.	950.00	662.87	950.00
15-7-18.00	Health Insurance	3,868.56	3,875.75	3,954.84
15-7-19.00	Training/Workshops/Dues	1,350.00	878.00	1,350.00
15-7-21.00	Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,954.03	2,000.00
15-7-22.00	Postage	1,200.00	1,208.20	1,800.00
15-7-23.00	Telephone	980.00	1,099.85	1,000.00
15-7-24.00	Office Equipment/Repairs	900.00	650.00	900.00
15-7-24.50	Records Preservation	1,000.00	3,184.79	1,000.00
15-7-25.00	Computer, Website, Support	6,400.00	6,290.97	7,000.00
15-7-30.00	Commercial Insurance Pkg	14,453.00	14,453.00	15,487.00
15-7-99.00	Misc. Finance Dept Expense	50.00	22,594.69	50.00
Total Finance Dept		117,878.09	143,703.97	115,027.46
17-7	Listers			
17-7-10.00	Listers' Salaries	13,400.00	6,081.00	10,000.00
17-7-12.00	Soc. Sec. Exp. Listers	830.80	377.04	620.00
17-7-13.00	Medicare Exp. Listers	194.30	88.20	145.00
17-7-17.00	Listers' Mileage	600.00	297.01	300.00
17-7-19.00	Listers' Professional Dev.	400.00	101.95	200.00
17-7-20.00	Listers' Postage	200.00	133.27	200.00
17-7-21.10	Listers Supplies & Equipment	200.00	0.00	1,200.00

2021 Proposed Town Budget cont.

Listers Cont.		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
17-7-22.00	BCA Tax appeals/abatement	200.00	0.00	200.00
17-7-23.00	Computer support/maps	2,100.00	1,147.60	3,200.00
17-7-25.00	Reappraisal Expenses	0.00	7,334.00	0.00
Total Listers		18,125.10	15,560.07	16,065.00
20-7	Delinquent Tax Collector			
20-7-10.00	DTC Wages	4,495.37	5,250.82	6,162.46
20-7-12.00	DTC Soc. Sec. Expense	278.71	325.53	382.07
20-7-13.00	DTC Medicare Expense	65.18	76.15	89.36
20-7-17.00	DTC Mileage/Expenses	75.00	55.00	75.00
Total Delinquent Tax Collector		4,914.26	5,707.50	6,708.89
30-7	Plant (Town Office)			
30-7-21.00	Janitor & Supplies	650.00	532.32	650.00
30-7-22.00	Grounds Maintenance	400.00	400.00	500.00
30-7-28.00	Repairs & Upkeep	3,000.00	1,099.81	3,000.00
30-7-30.00	Community Solar	21,092.74	20,458.52	21,100.00
30-7-32.00	Electricity	1,200.00	1,337.52	1,200.00
Total Plant (Town Office)		26,342.74	23,828.17	26,450.00
35-7	Public Safety			
35-7-10.00	Law Enforcement Salary	800.00	648.00	800.00
35-7-12.00	Law Enforcement Soc. Sec.	49.60	40.18	49.60
35-7-13.00	Law Enforcement Medicare	11.60	9.40	11.60
35-7-16.00	Law Enforcement mileage	250.00	92.40	250.00
35-7-25.00	911 Road Signs	1,000.00	41.22	1,000.00
35-7-27.00	Emergency Operations Ctr.	0.00	11,002.76	0.00
35-7-32.00	Street Lights	1,300.00	1,770.20	1,300.00
35-7-34.00	Ambulance Service	40,430.00	40,429.92	42,056.00
35-7-44.00	Solid Waste/Recycling	920.70	920.70	961.62
35-7-99.00	Misc. Law Enforcement Exp	0.00	140.00	0.00
Total Public Safety		44,761.90	55,094.78	46,428.82

2021 Proposed Town Budget cont.

		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
45-7	Assessments			
45-7-54.00	County Tax	17,000.12	17,000.12	17,100.00
45-7-56.00	Westmore (Town Farm) Tax	150.00	150.70	160.00
45-7-57.00	Barton Pit Tax	2,000.00	1,988.13	2,000.00
45-7-58.00	VLCT Dues	2,339.00	2,339.00	2,400.00
Total Assessments		21,489.12	21,477.95	21,660.00
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	631.00	640.00
Total Fees Expenses		900.00	1,031.00	840.00
Total Selectboard		299,313.24	346,132.59	244,863.22
50-7	Highway Department			
50-7-10.00	Wages	175,000.00	155,974.50	179,000.00
50-7-10.05	Road Admin	6,084.00	6,084.00	6,500.00
50-7-11.00	Road Commissioner	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
50-7-11.50	Mileage	200.00	49.50	200.00
50-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	11,540.41	10,438.58	11,724.20
50-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	2,677.92	2,441.26	2,741.95
50-7-14.00	Retirement Expense	19,031.25	15,918.20	21,256.25
50-7-15.00	VLCT Unemployment Ins.	377.00	304.00	2,432.00
50-7-18.00	Health Insurance Expense	23,211.00	22,758.15	23,729.04
50-7-21.00	Supplies	8,500.00	8,653.94	8,500.00
50-7-22.00	Tools/Equipment	3,500.00	1,781.15	3,500.00
50-7-23.00	Telephone	800.00	821.31	800.00
50-7-24.00	Parts & Repairs	30,000.00	24,647.26	30,000.00
50-7-25.00	Technology	250.00	0.00	250.00
50-7-30.00	Hired Services	16,000.00	16,845.00	16,000.00
50-7-32.00	Electricity	1,600.00	1,414.05	1,600.00
50-7-70.00	Gasoline	500.00	100.01	500.00
50-7-71.00	Diesel & Oil	45,000.00	24,785.99	45,000.00
50-7-72.00	Tires	10,000.00	9,806.45	10,000.00
50-7-73.00	Blades & Shoes	8,000.00	7,910.66	8,000.00
50-7-74.00	Sand, Gravel, Stone, Crushing	52,800.00	20,648.50	52,800.00
50-7-74.10	Erosion Stone	15,000.00	25,005.00	15,000.00
50-7-76.00	Chloride, Salt	40,000.00	39,379.71	48,000.00

2021 Proposed Town Budget cont.

Highway Department Cont.		FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
50-7-78.00	Road Supplies	12,000.00	11,955.64	12,000.00
50-7-78.15	Road Equipment	0.00	163,300.73	0.00
50-7-78.25	Building Repairs (Garage)	5,000.00	3,693.18	5,000.00
50-7-78.30	Road Signs	2,150.00	3,041.60	2,150.00
50-7-78.50	Fire Wood	2,500.00	2,600.00	2,500.00
50-7-79.00	Paving	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
50-7-85.00	Rd Equip Loan Payment	49,218.93	49,218.93	80,479.48
50-7-87.00	Equipment Rental	2,500.00	300.00	2,500.00
50-7-88.00	Municipal Rds Gen Permit	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,350.00
50-7-99.00	Misc. Road Expenses	1,000.00	12.50	1,000.00
Total Highway Department		551,130.51	635,079.80	599,612.92
54-7	Class IV Highway Dept.			
54-7-10.00	Wages	4,000.00	2,706.00	4,000.00
54-7-30.00	Hired Services	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
54-7-74.00	Sand & Gravel	3,000.00	7,144.00	3,000.00
54-7-78.00	Road Supplies (culverts)	0.00	517.80	0.00
54-7-99.00	Misc Class IV	3,500.00	1,382.50	3,500.00
Total Class IV Highway Dept.		12,000.00	11,750.30	12,000.00
Total Highway		563,130.51	646,830.10	611,612.92
60-7	Cemetery Expenses			
60-7-10.00	Wages	7,000.00	7,890.00	7,000.00
60-7-12.00	Social Security Expense	434.00	489.21	434.00
60-7-13.00	Medicare Expense	101.50	114.42	101.50
60-7-21.00	Flags	175.00	173.44	175.00
60-7-24.00	New Equipment	500.00	1,899.90	500.00
60-7-28.00	Repairs & Supplies	2,500.00	398.05	2,500.00
60-7-60.25	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,650.00	0.00
60-7-60.30	Posts	0.00	210.00	0.00
60-7-70.00	Gasoline & Oil	600.00	348.69	600.00
60-7-87.00	Fencing	100.00	0.00	100.00
60-7-99.00	Misc. Cemetery Expense	189.50	0.00	189.50
Total Cemetery		11,600.00	13,173.71	11,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/o Appropriations)		874,043.75	1,006,136.40	868,076.14

2021 Proposed Appropriations

		FY 2020 Voted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Proposed
85-7-95	Appropriations			
	Road Equipment Fund Articles	14,179.96	20,000.00	0.00
85-7-95.10	Volunteer Fire Dept.	50,000.00	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
85-7-95.70	Umbrella	700.00	700.00	700.00
85-7-95.75	Charleston Historical 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
85-7-95.91	Orleans County Child Advocacy	200.00	200.00	0.00
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	76,753.96	82,574.00	62,374.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (w/ Appropriations)	950,797.71	1,088,710.40	930,450.14

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2030 at the Charleston Elementary School

Moderator Jean Wilson opened the meeting by calling attention to School and Town Report covers honoring the late Wayne Bowen and Richard Colburn, Sr., whose service meant so much to the Town of Charleston. Town Business began at 10:17 am. With Moderator Jean Wilson re-elected during School Business, business began with Article 2.

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

- **Selectboard Member for a term of 3 years.** Larry Young nominated by Peter Moskovites, second by Audrey Frizzell. Pat Austin declined nomination. Unopposed, Larry Young elected for three years.
- **Selectboard Member for 1 year remaining of a 3-year term.** Pat Austin nominated by Linda Studer, second by Alice Letourneau. Unopposed, Pat Austin elected for one year.
- **Lister for a term of 3 years.** John Westinghouse nominated by Steve Wilson, second by Robert Wilson. Robert Wilson declined nomination. Unopposed, John Westinghouse elected for three years.
- **Town Auditor for a term of 3 years.** Janice Bowen nominated by Michael Morelli, second by Diana Marckwardt. Unopposed, Janice Bowen elected for 3 years.
- **Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.** Grace Frizzell nominated by Linda Studer, second by Katherine Sloan. Unopposed, Grace Frizzell elected for one year.
- **Second Constable for a term of 1 year.** There were no nominations, and the office remains vacant. The Selectboard will look into appointment.
- **Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years.** Sherman Allen nominated by Peggy Stevens, second by Sue Dwelle. Unopposed, Sherman Allen elected for five years.
- **Cemetery Commissioner for 1 year remaining of a 5-year term.** Darald Moulton nominated by Sherman Allen, second by Robert Devaney. Unopposed, Darald Moulton elected for one year.
- [School Director – Ryan Besaw elected for three years during School Meeting]
- **Town Agent to serve until the next annual meeting and until a successor is chosen.** Julianne Woolard nominated by Penelope Newcomb, second by John Kellogg. Unopposed, Julianne Woolard elected for one year.

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? Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. The Treasurer explained that mail can arrive long after a post-mark date, which means funds are not available, and late arrival complicates bookkeeping of on-time vs. delinquent taxes.

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

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\$211,515.81 by non-tax revenue? Moved by Diana Marckwardt, second by Sherman Allen. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Asked about non-tax revenue, the Treasurer said these include items such as clerk and license fees, and highway aid. Selectboard Chair Peter Moskovites compared 2019 and 2020 budgeted expenses, \$871,000 and \$874,000 respectively, noting that actual expenses look higher because expended grant funds are included in this number. He added that an estimated .67/.68 town tax rate is in line with recent years. [At this time, Moderator called for a ten-minute break.]

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to transfer the 2019 Road Surplus of \$5,820.04 to the Road Equipment reserve fund? Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed.

Article 6. Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,179.96 to the Road Equipment reserve fund? Moved by Sherman Allen, second by John Kellogg. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: passed. Selectperson Larry Young said the board usually asks for a \$20,000 appropriation. This number plus Article 5 equals \$20,000. The town owns its equipment and must plan for replacement. The Town's loader has been repaired piecemeal and is next to be replaced. With the Barton gravel pit paid off in 2020, the board may ask to keep that ~\$54,000 amount in the annual budget to build the equipment fund. The board appreciates taxpayer/voter support for town roads, and encourages them to call when there are problems. Asked about the crew's winter schedule, Mr. Young said the crew doesn't have set hours, but is on-call to respond to storms and receives overtime pay.

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? Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Sue Dwelle. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. CVFD Treasurer Blair Moulton said the tanker cost \$180,766. \$125,000 was financed with a \$14,841 annual payment for ten years. Morgan's appropriation was increased the same rate. Dan Whipple said the department puts funds into an equipment reserve each year, which covered the down payment on the tanker.

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? Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed.

- 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 NorthWoods 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 to residents
- 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.
 There was discussion of local composting options, including a new composting business in Westmore and a workshop at Dailey Library in April. Charleston Chew is a new Facebook group catching the attention of new, former, and long-time residents.

Seeing no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

DATED AT CHARLESTON, VERMONT THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH 2020.

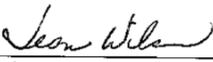
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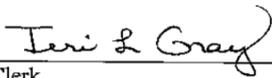
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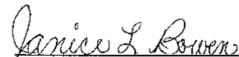
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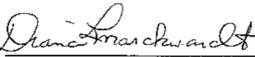
Auditors Report

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, 2020. The reports will be mailed to all voter households and will be available from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of January 2021

Town Auditors


Janice Bowen


Diana Marckwardt


Michael Morelli

General Fund Comparative Statement

Current Assets	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2020
General Cash Account	426,911.11	578,000.65
Revenues not yet received		
Delinquent Taxes	41,316.59	53,779.06
Lynwood Crown, use of grader	61.24	-
Michael Bowen, culvert	247.00	-
Charles Moulton, culvert	315.85	-
TOTAL ASSETS	468,851.79	631,779.71
SURPLUS (Assets - Liabilities)	468,851.79	631,779.71
Increase in Surplus from previous year		162,927.92
Encumbered Funds		
Road Surplus	5,820.04	128,978.19
Records Preservation Fund	7,816.90	11,332.90
Constable Fund	6,965.27	6,035.29
Cemetery Funds (due to CD)	1,100.00	550.00
	21,702.21	146,896.38
Unencumbered Funds	447,149.58	484,883.33
	468,851.79	631,779.71

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, 2020	137,879.62
2019 Surplus Voted at Town Meeting	5,820.04
2020 Appropriation	14,179.96
Interest	597.17
Deduct Loader purchase	-93,500.00
Balance December 31, 2020	64,976.79

Reappraisal Fund

Balance January 1, 2020	46,108.82
Add Receipts, State of Vermont	7,334.00
Interest	216.70
Balance December 31, 2020	53,659.52

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 Intl Truck Loan	2018 Solar Installation Loan	2019 Loader Loan
Date	7/16/2012	10/27/2015 <i>refinanced 2018</i>	4/02/2019	11/20/2018	3/26/2020
Principal	400,000.00	317,049.00 <i>new 190,346.95</i>	125,089.00	286,845.33	60,000.00
Interest Rate	1.95%	1.79%	3.00%	3.875%	1.99%
2020 Payment	54,475.56	29,354.38	19,864.55	20,873.62	0
Next Payment Date	Paid off	10/27/2021	11/20/2021	11/20/2021	11/1/2021
Next Payment Amount	N/A	29,354.38	19,864.55	20,873.62	31,260.55
Balance 12/31/2020	0	137,983.21	90,971.58	266,441.99	60,000.00

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 L60)	2005	120,000.00
2019 Loader (Volvo L90)	2020	160,000.00
2017 Mack 10-wheel Truck	2016	194,500.00
2015 Mack 10-wheel Truck	2014	186,000.00
2020 International 6-wheel 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
Hay Wagon	2020	1,400.00
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:

2020 Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Tax Receipts

2020 Property Taxes Collected	2,189,271.65
VT Property Tax Adjustment Payments	19,209.63
2020 Overpayments by Individuals	22,272.25
Current Use Hold Harmless from State of VT	80,701.00
Delinquent Taxes from Del. Tax Collector	64,568.18
Total Tax Receipts	2,376,022.71

Licenses

Liquor Licenses	140.00
Dog Licenses	651.00
Marriage Licenses	80.00
Total Licenses	871.00

Fees Received

Recording and Copies	11,966.15
Motor Vehicle Renewals	36.00
Fees for Records Preservation	3,516.00
Total Fees	15,518.15

Transfers to State of Vermont

Fees for Dog Licenses	631.00
Fees for Marriage Licenses	400.00
Total Transfer to State of Vermont	1,031.00

Delinquent Tax Collector

Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,836.58
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	5,250.82
Overpayments	110.40
Total Delinquent Tax Collector	8,197.80

Grants

Aquatic Nuisance / Watershed Grants (Echo Lake)	14,609.00
Total Grants	14,609.00

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements cont.

Miscellaneous

Charleston School District, financial services	3,750.00
Charleston School, 2019 Education Tax Refund	13,857.49
NCUHS, 2019 Education Tax Refund	5,165.51
Community National Bank, NOW account interest	3,460.17
State of VT Reappraisal Fund, per-parcel payment	7,334.00
State of VT, Local Govt COVID reimbursement	7,391.83
FEMA, COVID reimbursement	3,849.12
Green Mtn United Way, COVID Meals grant	500.00
NE Grassroots Environment Fund, COVID Meals grant	1,000.00
CNB, Pit Loan overpayment	11.38
State of VT, Fines	77.50
Reibursement for Pvt Road 911 Sign	115.22
Solar Net Metering from School/CVFD	15,567.55
State of VT, Election reimbursement	205.93
State of VT, PILOT	1,181.13
CNB, Non-arbitrage interest	4,873.89

Total Miscellaneous	68,340.72
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Total 2020 Road Receipts less Taxes (see Road Report)	307,695.78
Total 2020 Cemetery Receipts less Taxes (see Cemetery Report)	3,798.71

Total	2,796,084.87
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Transfer to School Accounts as voted	1,556,284.93
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Total after transfer	1,239,799.94
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Add Balance, January 1, 2020	426,761.11
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Total including January Balance	1,666,561.05
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Deduct Disbursements:

Selectboard Orders	428,706.59
Road Dept Orders	646,830.10
Cemetery Orders	13,173.71

Total Disbursements	1,088,710.40
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GENERAL FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2020	577,850.65
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Accounted for as follows:

Community National Bank NOW Checking account	577,850.65
Cash on hand	150.00

Balance December 31, 2020	578,000.65
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Statement of 2020 Municipal Tax Rate

General		184,415.43
Roads		468,112.51
Cemetery		10,000.00
Veterans Exemption		4,692.96
Appropriations		76,753.96
Road Equipment Fund	14,179.96	
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	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	
Pope Memorial Animal Society	500.00	
Rural Community Transportation	1,650.00	
VSO Symphony Kids	100.00	
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	
Umbrella	700.00	

		743,974.86
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Municipal Grand List		1,105,603.00
Tax Rate for Municipal		0.672913

		743,974.86
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Statement of Taxes Raised

Taxes Billed	Grand List	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Non-Residential Education	575,013.00	1.6167	929,623.54
Homestead Education	536,260.00	1.5294	820,156.11
General	1,104,947.00	0.1668	184,304.90
Roads	1,104,947.00	0.4234	467,834.55
Cemetery	1,104,947.00	0.0091	10,055.19
Veterans Exemption	1,104,947.00	0.0042	4,640.87
Fire Department Appropriation	1,104,947.00	0.0453	50,054.14
Svc Org Appropriations	1,104,947.00	0.0113	12,485.95
Road Equipment Appropriation	1,104,947.00	0.0128	14,143.26
	Total Taxes Billed		2,493,298.51

Adjustments to Original Billings

Late Homestead penalty (Waived for 2020)	0.00
Final Taxes Billed	2,493,298.51

Taxes accounted for as follows:

Property Taxes Collected by Treasurer	2,208,481.28
State Payment to School	207,786.58
Delinquent Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector	77,030.65
	2,493,298.51

Distribution of Treasurer's Collections

General Fund	652,196.35
School Fund	1,556,284.93
	2,208,481.28

Selectboard Report

EXPENSES

Town Officers & Employees

Total Wages paid to Officers & Employees	75,940.82
Social Security paid	4,708.33
Medicare paid	1,101.15
VMERS Retirement	7,317.61
Health Insurance, Asst. Clerk	3,875.75
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	92,943.66

Insurance

VLCT/PACIF, Commercial Package	14,453.00
VLCT, Workers Comp. Insurance	14,603.00
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	29,056.00

Printing & Advertising

Repro, Town Reports	487.10
Kelsey Evans, Town Report layout	250.00
The Chronicle, Newspaper Notices	53.62
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	790.72

Other Expenses

Election Supplies	599.78
Clerk & Treasurer Supplies	1,954.03
Clerk & Treasurer Postage	1,208.20
Clerk & Treasurer Professional Development	56.00
Listers' Expenses (IT, postage, supplies, tax maps, misc.)	1,280.87
Listers' Mileage	297.01
Listers' Professional Development	101.95
Listers' Reappraisal Expenses (transfer to Reserve)	7,334.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	55.00
Law Enforcement mileage	92.40
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	12,979.24

Utilities & Upkeep

Electricity	1,337.52
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Selectboard Report cont.

Utilities & Upkeep cont.

Street Lights	1,770.20
Community Solar	20,458.52
Telephone	1,099.85
Solid Waste/Recycling	920.70
Lawn Care	400.00
Records Preservation	3,184.79
Equipment & Repairs	650.00
Building Upkeep/Repairs	1,099.81
Town Office Janitorial	532.32
911 Road Signs	41.22
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	31,494.93

Taxes Paid Out

Orleans County Treasurer, County Tax	17,000.12
Town of Westmore, Town Farm Property Tax	150.70
Town of Barton, Gravel Pit Property Tax	1,988.13
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	19,138.95

Miscellaneous

Community National Bank, Tax-anticipation loan interest	4,661.32
CNB, Gravel Pit loan payment	54,475.56
Newport Ambulance Service	40,429.92
VT State Treasurer, Marriage Licenses	400.00
VT State Treasurer, Dog Licenses	631.00
VLCT, dues	2,339.00
VMCTA, dues	55.00
NVDA, dues	767.00
Legal fees	670.00
Tax refunds	22,381.38
Prior Year Tax Refund	113.31
NEMRC, computer support/contract	5,515.00
Kevaco, website hosting	495.00
Tech Patrol, IT support	250.00

Selectboard Report cont.

Colleen Kellogg, Zoom Reimbursement	30.97
Clerk/Treasurer & Selectboard mileage	662.87
VT Dept of Taxes - filing fee	100.00
Kennel Fees	140.00
Emergency Operations Center - COVID Expenses	11,002.76
	145,120.09

Grant Expenses

Echo Lake Protective Association	14,609.00
	14,609.00

TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET EXPENDITURES	346,132.59
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Voted at Town Meeting

Road Equipment Appropriation & 2019 Surplus Transfer	20,000.00
NEK Council on Aging	600.00
Charleston Historical Society	500.00
Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept.	50,000.00
Dailey Memorial Library	1,100.00
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 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
	82,574.00

TOTAL SELECTBOARD DISBURSEMENTS	428,706.59
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Road Department Report

SUMMARY

Road Dept Receipts

State Aid, Class 2 & 3 Highways	114,851.14
VT DEC, Grants-in-Aid Pilot (Crawford Hill Rd culvert/stone ditch)	8,279.46
VT Better Roads Grant (Bowen Hill Rd)	20,000.00
VT Better Roads Grant (Road Erosion Inventory)	3,298.42
VLCT, Safety/Equipment Grant (Fire Cabinet, Work Zone Signs)	1,216.76
Community National Bank, Loader Loan	60,000.00
Loader Sale	6,500.00
Used culvert sale	50.00
Total Road Receipts	214,195.78
Voted for 2020 Road Budget (Taxes)	468,112.51
Withdrawal from Equipment Fund	93,500.00
Total Voted for Roads	561,612.51
TOTAL ROAD REVENUES	775,808.29

Deduct Disbursements

Highways	635,079.80
Class IV	11,750.30
Total Disbursements	646,830.10
Surplus	128,978.19

EXPENDITURES

Highway Department

Wages & Stipends	165,658.50
Social Security paid	10,438.58
Medicare paid	2,441.26
Retirement	15,918.20
VLCT Unemployment Ins.	304.00
Health Insurance	22,758.15
Supplies	8,653.94
Tools/Equipment	1,781.15
Telephone	821.31
Parts & Repairs	24,647.26
Hired Svcs - Patenaude Bush Hogging (roadside mowing)	12,935.00
Hired Svcs - David White Trucking (pavement sweeping)	2,000.00
Hired Svcs - NVDA (Road Erosion Inventory)	1,750.00

Road Department Report cont.

Expenditures cont.

Hired Svcs - Ruggles Engineering (Pit Permit)	160.00
Electricity & Solar Loan	1,414.05
Diesel, Oil, Gas	24,886.00
Tires	9,806.45
Blades & Shoes	7,910.66
Sand, Gravel, Stone & Crushing - Dupuis & Kingdom Gravel	20,648.50
Erosion Stone - Dupuis	25,005.00
Chloride - Sierra Chlorides & Innovative Surface	36,823.30
Salt - Cargill	2,556.41
Road Supplies (culverts, seed, hay)	11,955.64
Road Equipment - Woods CRW (Loader purchase)	160,000.00
Road Equipment - Clark Communications (radio)	789.12
Road Equipment - Central Equip of CNY (chloride tank)	2,511.61
Road Equipment loan payment (annual)	49,218.93
Garage Building Repairs	3,693.18
Road Signs - VT Offender Work Programs	76.08
Road Signs - Eastern Metal Signs (Work zone signs)	1,284.52
Road Signs - Eastern Metal Signs (culvert delineator posts)	1,681.00
Firewood - Currie Logging	2,600.00
Equipment Rental - Farmyard Store & Taylor Rental	300.00
VT DEC, MRGP (annual)	1,350.00
VT DEC, MRGP (Inventory Fee)	240.00
Mileage, Highway Crew	49.50
Federal Motor Carrier driver queries	12.50

Summer/Winter Road Total 635,079.80

Class IV Highway Dept.

Wages	2,706.00
Sand & Gravel	7,144.00
Road Supplies (culverts, erosion blanket)	1,900.30

Class IV Total 11,750.30

TOTAL ROAD EXPENDITURES 646,830.10

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

Receipts	Total
Hillside - Dividend from Dominion Resources	62.10
Hillside - CD Int from Community National Bank	1,032.89
West Village - CD Int from Community National Bank	703.72
Lot(s) sold	2,000.00
Voted at Town Meeting for Cemetery Dept.	10,000.00
Total Receipts	13,798.71

Disbursements	
Wages Paid for Labor	7,890.00
Social Security & Medicare	603.63
Heritage Memorials, corner posts	210.00
Driver's Outdoor Power Equipment, Repairs/Supplies	398.05
Driver's Outdoor Power Equipment, purchase	1,899.90
Charleston Corner Store, gas	348.69
Amer. Legion, Flags for Veterans' graves	173.44
Perpetual Care, paid to CDs	1,650.00
Total Disbursements	13,173.71
Receipts Less Disbursements	625.00

Cemetery Trust Funds	Total
Hillside: Community Natl Bank CD @2.25% matures 8/1/2023	45,455.84
West Village & Bly et al: Community Natl Bank CD @2.25% matures 8/1/2023	32,538.01
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	77,993.85
West Village: 2020 lot sale funds in General Checking	550.00
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Total Trust Funds, December 31, 2020	78,543.85

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

It has been almost 2 years since the completion of the town wide reappraisal. Since that time, properties on average have been selling slightly higher than listed values. The new Equalization Study results show the common level of appraisal (CLA) at 98.66% and the coefficient of dispersion at 6.96%. The data includes 3 years of property sales as the basis. These are good numbers for assessment purposes.

The following breakdown is available for your information and review:

Charleston 2020 Municipal Grand List Summary

Property Type	# of Parcels	Listed Value
Residential	351	57,225,200
Mobile Homes	83	5,135,800
Seasonal	57	5,643,000
Lake Properties	103	29,871,200
Commercial	8	693,300
Utilities	3	5,715,700
Farms	25	12,413,200
Open Land	108	7,503,900
PP Cable (education tax only)	1	632,600
Totals	739	124,833,900
Less exemptions*		(14,337,500)
Total Grand List (municipal)		110,496,900

***Exemptions include: Current Use: \$13,186,900; Veterans: \$440,000; Contracts: \$750,100*

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, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020

Tax Year	2019	2020
Uncollected Taxes	41,316.59	77,030.65
Uncollected as of	12/31/2019	10/23/2020
Collected in 2020	35,852.91	28,715.27
Uncollected as of 12/31/2020	5,463.68	48,315.38

Note: Uncollected 2018 taxes of \$21.20 were abated in 2020

2020 Delinquent Tax Revenue

2019 Taxes Collected in 2020	35,852.91
2020 Taxes Collected	28,715.27
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	64,568.18

2019 Delinquent Taxes

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Bennett, John W.	851.80
Cote, Kelli	861.82
Fitzpatrick (Cleverly), Dawn	2,649.60
Plankey, Larry & Frances	915.28
Skinner, Todd	185.18
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Total	5,463.68

2020 Delinquent Taxes

Owner	Unpaid Tax
Bemis, David R.	2,486.51
Bennett, John W.	952.48
Bowen, Gary	2,500.00
Bowen, Michael	1,756.12
Bowen, Michael & Linda	2,013.98
Chandler, June, Life Estate	1,023.45
Colligan, Christine	5.86
Connor, Michael & Vickie	400.68

2020 Delinquent Taxes, cont.

Cote, Kelli	4,429.16
Desanto, Derrick	378.97
Firestine, Robert W.	4,105.25
Fitzpatrick (Cleverly), Dawn	2,962.74
Flynn, Shawn R.	1,671.41
Gray, Rachel	57.24
Griffin, Francis E.	1,224.67
Haley, Friedora	579.27
Hart, Angiemarie	1,080.69
Hillis, Arlean	1,646.03
Jensen, Thomas	408.61
Kingsbury, Gail A.	2,500.25
Lorden, Dennis	320.59
Messier, Norman	1,336.67
Morse, Rene & Amber	2,249.05
Moulton, Dwight & Shirley	2,045.76
Mount, Jeffrey	991.40
Pelletier, Carl **	821.97
Perkins, Steven	492.26
Plankey, Larry & Frances	1,023.45
Skinner, Todd	935.81
Smith, James C. & Julie	733.69
Stanton, Walter III	462.50
Stanton, Walter III	2,626.17
Valadkhan, Saba	2,092.69
Total	48,315.38

** indicates property was sold

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 2020

The year 2020 marks the 66th year for the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department. As was the case across the country, 2020 was incredibly challenging for the CVFD.

2020 has seen the department called out a total of 32 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.

2020 saw the CVFD continue investing in personal type equipment, including purchases of air bottles for air packs, and upgrading our fire imaging camera. These purchases represented roughly \$20,000.00. Other equipment including personal turn-out gear for new members and other safety gear. By continuing to maintain gear, tools and equipment, we keep our ability to respond at it's utmost efficiency.

Our regular membership for 2020 reflected an increase of members and stands at 24 senior members and no junior members.

The COVID-19 pandemic dictated that the 67th annual oyster supper would be cancelled in 2020. While the decision was trying, we knew it was the right decision. With that said, the CVFD continued with a fundraiser in place of the oyster supper. The Charleston community was incredibly generous and we received many donations as a result. We sincerely thank all those from the community and those outside the community for their generosity.

We absolutely plan to have the 67th annual oyster supper next year. Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of October 2021!

This year's budget request is at \$50,000. The request reflects a level fund for 2020, 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 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 Vol. Fire Dept.Inc
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	15,159.02
Interest income	47.73
Memorials	
wayne bowen memorial	825.00
Total Memorials	825.00
sale of mack	4,000.00
Town of Charleston	50,000.00
Town of Morgan	18,200.00
Total Income	88,231.75
Gross Profit	88,231.75
Expense	
Communication	751.10
Dues	
NEIMA	100.00
Dues - Other	384.00
Total Dues	484.00
E Dispatch	1,548.00
Equip Rental and Maintenance	92.00
Equipment Repair	2,356.65
Insurance	
W/C insurance	1,219.00
Insurance - Other	12,501.00
Total Insurance	13,720.00
Oyster supper expenses	187.06
Personnel expenses	244.96
Plowing	625.00
Postage, Mailing Service	716.00
Professional services	919.08
SCBA Repair	10,371.55
Secretarial	223.56
Small Tools	105.96
Spates	95.38
Station Repairs	295.00
Supplies	
Station supplies	1,606.92
Supplies - Other	579.80
Total Supplies	2,186.72
tanker payment	14,841.38
thermal camara	11,633.23
Training	750.00
Truck fuel	1,532.40
Truck Repair	1,252.46
turn out gear	7,207.44
Utilities	
Electric	536.95
Heating Oil	2,601.07
Telephone	375.15
Utilities - Other	1,837.80
Total Utilities	5,350.97
Total Expense	77,489.90
Net Ordinary Income	10,741.85
Net Income	10,741.85



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

Town of Charleston 2020 Report

Dear Citizens of Charleston,

Newport Ambulance has had its struggles along with every other agency during the COVID 19 Pandemic. In 2020 Newport Ambulance call volume decreased to 2538 from 2932 in 2019. In 2020 Newport Ambulance responded to 65 emergency calls in Charleston and transported 11 Charleston residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to 114 calls for mutual aid.

Our Crews have been working close with the Vermont Dept of Health and VTEMS to assist with the statewide COVID 19 testing sites throughout the state. We have started training personnel to assist with the statewide rollout of the COVID 19 vaccine.

Newport Ambulance was issued funding from the following state and federal COVID 19 programs, HHS Cares Act, Ems Stabilization, Hazard pay, and Payroll protection. These monies will be used to help offset the lost revenues for 2020 and potential losses for 2021.

Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing 24/7 service. This service presently has 5 ambulances, and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond, at the Advanced Life Support level, at any time.

Newport Ambulance has completed the substation in Morgan and is running a crew there 24/7. This will help serve parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

Newport Ambulance facilities are located at 830 Union St, Newport and 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

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

Respectfully,

Jeff Johansen
Executive Director
Newport Ambulance Inc

Newport Ambulance Service Budget	Sub Station 2020	1/20-12/31/2020	2021
4000 · Town Contracts	\$153,485.00	\$153,485.00	\$159,541.00
4001.01 Cares Relief Act	\$0.00	\$8,816.41	\$0.00
4001.02 Hazard pay Grant	\$0.00	\$7,068.00	\$0.00
4001.03 Ems stabilization grant	\$0.00	\$21,629.70	\$0.00
4001.05 SBA Payroll Protection	\$0.00	\$46,388.23	\$0.00
4005 Donations	\$150.00	\$810.00	\$250.00
4012 Intercept Income	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	\$225,000.00	\$191,810.82	\$225,000.00
Total Income	\$378,635.00	\$430,258.16	\$385,291.00
5000 · Billing Services Expense	\$7,717.00	\$7,717.00	\$7,717.00
5001.01 · 02.03.04 .17Payroll	\$24,440.00	\$19,374.15	\$20,553.00
5001.05 · Nas 11 R&M	\$260.00	\$159.00	\$156.00
5001.06 · Nas 11 Fuel	\$130.00	\$112.19	\$130.00
5001.07 · Postage	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00
5001.08 · CPA	\$130.00	\$143.00	\$130.00
5001.10 · Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
5001.11 · Telephone	\$798.00	\$0.00	\$396.00
5001.12 · Cell Phones	\$598.00	\$589.96	\$520.00
5001.13 · Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	\$1,196.00	\$1,224.00	\$1,243.00
5001.15 · Pension	\$683.00	\$1,247.46	\$1,247.61
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	\$800.00	\$176.00	\$800.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	\$6,000.00	\$1,322.56	\$6,000.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	\$4,115.00	\$4,989.08	\$4,115.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Expense	\$15,488.00	\$15,498.42	\$15,675.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Insurance Exp	\$19,640.00	\$17,735.04	\$14,820.00
5009 · Bank Charges/CC Fees Expense	\$500.00	\$209.46	\$100.00
5010 · Interest Expense	\$4,985.00	\$10,185.62	\$5,000.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	\$240,000.00	\$203,064.26	\$250,000.00
5016.01 · Meals Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
5016.02 · Travel Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
5017 · Pension Plan Expense	\$10,000.00	\$6,373.73	\$18,300.00
5017.1 TPA	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
5018.01 · NAS #3 R&M	\$6,000.00	\$3,734.74	\$6,000.00
5018.10 · Misc. Ambulance R&M		\$32.49	
5018.14 · Service Agreements		\$1,157.00	
5019.1 building repair		\$655.32	
5023 · Building grounds	\$2,000.00	\$710.00	\$2,000.00
5021.01 · Office Supplies	\$400.00	\$571.75	\$0.00
5021.03 · Med Supplies/Equip. Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,364.01	\$3,000.00
5021.04 · General Supplies	\$500.00	\$521.09	\$500.00
5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
5024 · Oxygen Expense	\$500.00	\$747.90	\$500.00
5025 · Employee Recognition Expense	\$200.00	\$275.00	\$500.00
5027 · Paging Expense	\$338.00	\$279.24	\$338.00
5028.03 · Internet/phone/cable	\$1,200.00	\$507.81	\$1,000.00
5028 Telephone expense other		\$1,169.46	
5029 · Electricity Expense	\$1,400.00	\$2,100.27	\$1,400.00
5030 · Heating Expense	\$1,400.00	\$3,695.36	\$3,600.00
5032 comp non capitalize	\$0.00	\$412.97	\$0.00
5033 Furniture Expense Non Cap	\$0.00	\$700.33	\$200.00
5034 · Radio Expense Non Capitalized	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
5038 Dispatch	\$10,300.00	\$10,307.00	\$10,600.00
5040 · Squad Uniforms	\$500.00	\$244.89	\$600.00
5043 · Public Relations	\$200.00	\$82.50	\$200.00
5045 · Equipment Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$8,816.41	\$3,600.00
5049 Property Taxes		\$2,517.34	\$2,518.00
5046 · Ambulance Replacement	\$0.00	\$21,629.70	\$0.00
5050 Unemployment Tax		\$1,000.00	
NAS 4	\$12,756.00	\$13,340.18	\$12,179.00
Provider Tax	\$4,000.00	\$3,501.65	\$4,440.00
Sub Station mortgage	\$12,000.00	\$4,680.20	\$6,483.00
Income	\$378,635.00	\$430,258.16	\$385,291.00
Expense	\$395,100.00	\$377,285.54	\$408,741.61
	-\$16,465.00	\$52,972.62	-\$23,450.61

Notes

The 2020 Annual Report is dedicated to

Wayne Bowen (1943-2020)

In 2020, the Town of Charleston lost a good friend in Wayne Bowen.

Serving as Justice of the Peace from 1974 until 2019, Wayne officiated nearly 90 marriages and presided over elections from Carter to Trump. He was a steady expert in tallying ballots and closing an election efficiently, and this made him a good teacher for new poll workers. The Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk both learned the ropes from Wayne in their very first Charleston election.

In nine consecutive years on the Charleston School Board, Wayne oversaw construction of Charleston Elementary school, which remains a pride and center of our community. Fifty years later, a commemorative plaque bearing his name still greets students as they enter the building each morning, as it has for generations before.

Wayne served 15 years as Charleston Cemetery Commissioner, overseeing operations and performing maintenance on Charleston's hallowed grounds. As a member of the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department and Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne tended to our community in many ways.

His working life included the region's proud industries—furniture manufacturing and dairying. As owner and operator of Wayne's Sale & Service, he launched an important Charleston business that thrives today. For 30 years, he helped Charleston get to work, get chores done, and enjoy the outdoors.

At work and at play, Wayne embraced the best of the Northeast Kingdom. On the pond, at camp, and on ATV and snowmobile, he enjoyed the sport and camaraderie of the outdoors which anchors life in our town. He lives on through his vast legacy of service and commitment to our people, the past, and the future of Charleston.

