

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 12, 2021 1:00 P.M.
Charlemont Fairgrounds
Park Street

Article 1: To act on the Report of the Town Officers.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants or gifts from individuals or non-profit organizations which may become available during the fiscal year 2022 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2022, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, s53E1/2, to establish the following Revolving Fund and to amend Section III of the Town Bylaws by adding the following text:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUND	REVENUE SOURCES	USE OF FUNDS
Parks & Recreation Revolving Fund	Parks & Recreation Commission	User and rental fees	Maintenance of Town Parks

And, further, to establish the following spending limit for such funds for Fiscal Year 2022:

1. Dog Fund = \$2,500.00
2. Recycling = \$6,000.00
3. Flags and Banners = \$1,200.00
4. Fire Inspection = \$1,200.00

5. Planning Board = \$950.00
6. Parks & Recreation Commission - \$6,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums to defray the fiscal 2022 operation and capital budgets of the Town, and to establish the salaries for its Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any and all Town expenses and purposes, including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's Broadband Enterprise and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$665,000 for work at Mohawk Trail Regional School in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, to include replacement of the heating boiler control system; resealing of parking lots; replacement of the fire alarm control panel and related sensors; replacement of/upgrades to certain domestic hot water heaters, condenser units, heating system hot water control valves, and freeze prevention system; construction of a second means of egress from the main electrical switchgear room; installation of additional safety railings to sections of the outside bleachers; replacement of the movable gymnasium partition; and replacement of floor covering in the library; and including costs incidental or related thereto, which purpose of the projects swill materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve the asset capable of supporting the required educational program. Said sum is to be expended under the approval of the School Committee's Building Subcommittee, and to meet said appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Chair, is authorized to borrow said sum under MGL Ch. 44 or any other enabling authority or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$1,771.02 to pay for an FY20 Town Counsel bill, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$500 to be used to maintain cemeteries in the Town of Charlemont, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends use of Free Cash.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, \$20,000 for bridge repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends use of Free Cash.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, \$40,000 for infrastructure repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends use of Free Cash.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, \$25,000.00 to purchase 6 new tires and repair the 2002 Town Grader, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends use of Free Cash.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, \$28,000 to fund the Town Audit, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from its Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) a sum to the Town Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends use of Free Cash.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from its Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) a sum for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for FY 2022 or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommends use of Free Cash.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for a special act providing that the appointed Highway Superintendent shall assume all duties and authority of a Tree Warden, and the existing elected office of Tree Warden in the town shall be abolished, in the form set forth herein;

provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

AN ACT COMBINING THE OFFICES OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
AND TREE WARDEN IN THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of Highway Superintendent in the Town of Charlemont shall also have and exercise any and all duties and authority of a Tree Warden as such authority is set forth in the General Laws, any special law or bylaw of the town.

Section 2. As of the effective date of this act, the elected office of the Tree Warden shall be abolished and the currently serving Highway Superintendent shall assume all duties and authority of said office.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Or take any other cation relative thereto.

Article 17. To see of the Town will vote to amend the noncriminal Disposition Bylaw, adopted in Article 4 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting, by deleting the definition of the term “Enforcing Person” and inserting in its place the following.

“Enforcing person” as used in this bylaw, shall mean the Building Inspector, members of the Conservation Commission, members of the Board of Health, the Animal Control Officer, and any Town Police Officer of the Town of Charlemont with respect to any offence or violation of the bylaws and rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

