

Town of Charlemont March 2025 Newsletter



From the Town Clerk

Our Local Election is coming! The election will be on June 3rd and there are several seats available for interested candidates. The seats and their terms are as follows:

Select Board (3 year term)	Moderator (1 year, elected)	Constable (3 year term)	Planning Board (5 year term)
Planning Board (5 year term)	Board of Health (3 year term, elected)	Board of Assessors (3 year term, elected)	Charlemont School Committee (3 year term, elected)
Charlemont School Committee (2 year term, elected)	Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee – 2 Seats (3 year term, elected)	Library Trustees (3 year term, elected)	Parks and Recreation Commission (5 year term, elected)

If you are interested in any of these offices, nomination papers are available at Town Hall between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday – and until 7pm on Thursdays. Papers are required to be returned to the Board of Registrars (through the Town Clerk) by April 15th at 5pm.

Additionally, there are appointed seats available on many of the boards and committees in town. These are:

Animal Inspector (1 year, appointed by Select Board)	Fence Viewer, Field Driver, Pound Keeper (Appointed Annually by Select Board)	Measurer of Wood and Bark and Lumber (Appointed Annually by Select Board)	Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term, appointed by Select Board)
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Finance Committee
(3 year term, appointed
by Moderator)

**Capital Planning
Committee**
(3 year term, appointed
by Moderator)

**Agricultural/ Forest
Commission**
(3 year term, appointed
by Select Board)

Board of Registrars
(3 year terms,
appointed by Select
Board)

**Trustees of the East
Charlemont School**
(4 year terms,
appointed by
Moderator) – 2 seats
available

**Historical
Commission**
(3 year term, appointed
by Moderator)

**Conservation
Commission**
(3 year term, appointed
by Select Board)

**Earth Removal
Committee**
(3 year term, appointed
by Select Board, BOH,
Planning Board,
ConCom, and one
Select Board member)

For more information, contact Thorne at 339-4335 x7 or townclerk@townofcharlemont.org

Hawlemont School Committee News

Next year's Hawlemont Regional School Budget News: A public budget hearing was held on 2/24/25 at Hawlemont Regional School. Sheryl Stanton and Bill Lataille, Superintendent and Assistant. Superintendent presented and discussed changes after which the school committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget. The presentation can be found here: [FY26 HRSD Proposed Budget Public Hearing Presentation](#) and also additional budget information can be found on one of the Districts' webpage (<https://www.mtrsd.org/School-Committees>) after clicking on the Hawlemont Budget Info tab located on the right- hand side of the page.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS SEEK FEEDBACK ON SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts are seeking feedback on a Sustainability Study to address the trends of declining enrollment, rising operational costs, relatively flat state aid, and increasing needs of students. The 2Districts8Towns review has looked at five options for community consideration, ranging from no change to consolidation in a single campus.

Six community meetings are planned, starting on February 25. The meetings will include a session at Hawlemont Regional School on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30pm (in person with [Zoom option](#)); and at Mohawk Trail Regional School on Thursday, March 20, also at 6:30pm (in person with [Zoom option](#)). An all virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, at 6:30pm ([Zoom link](#)). For more information, including on meetings at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, Sanderson Academy and Colrain Central School, see <https://www.2districts8towns.org/>.

Remembrance of our Past

Wednesday, March 5
1 p.m.

Tyler Memorial Library, 157
Main Street, Charlemont, MA
charlemontlibrary.org

Join local historians Bambi Miller and Mary Boehmer for an afternoon with cousins Mary Leavitt and Elizabeth Field. They will reminisce about abolitionist activities in Charlemont during the 1800s.

Explore the life and times of the Basil Dorsey Family, the Underground Railroad, and their connections to the Leavitt family of Charlemont.

Take a step back in time to appreciate the courage and principles of the seekers of freedom and the people of Western Massachusetts.

