

Dear Charlemont Residents

As you may have heard, the Town of Charlemont failed to incorporate the 2 1/2 override tax rate into the FY23 tax bills that was approved at town meeting in Spring of 2022. The outcome of which is that residents were taxed at a lower tax rate than what was approved for appropriation and spending. We will be taking action to ensure that the approved apportions are paid.

As the Chair of the Selectboard, and the only member of the current Selectboard who voted for the tax rate I'm accountable for this error. At this time a report is being drafted that explains why the error occurred and what steps can be taken to prevent it.

Residents expect their vote and voice to be counted, and in this regard, that didn't happen as voted. On behalf of everyone involved, I apologize for this event, and we will work towards eliminating future errors.

Thanks

Valentine Reid  
Charlemont Selectboard Chair