



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 2025**

*Patricia Chaffee*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than One</p> <p><b>CHARLES E. BARALY</b> 286 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>GARRET NEILL</b> 254 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than Two</p> <p><b>MEG LAMBERT</b> 389 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>MAUREEN JOAN SPILSBURY</b> 393 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">2 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than Two</p> <p><b>KYLE H. PERHAM</b> 388 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>KEITH O. WEED</b> 338 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">14 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Two Years more than One</p> <p><b>RAYMOND J. GOSETTI</b> 122 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>JEFFREY M. LESSELS</b> 170 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>STEVEN A. NEILL</b> 236 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">5 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For One Year more than Two</p> <p><b>KAREN G. HASKELL</b> 271 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>JAMES LUPOLT</b> 148 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>EMILY ST. PIERRE</b> 405 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than Three</p> <p><b>KEITH O. WEED</b> 388 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">97 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than One</p> <p><b>WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN</b> 461 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than One</p> <p><b>ROGER W. GOODNOW</b> 454 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Two Years more than Two</p> <p align="center">115 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
	<p><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not For Three Years more than One</p> <p><b>GABRIEL A. ST. PIERRE</b> 488 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">7 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	

**ARTICLES**

**Article 02  
Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Zone E Section 8.5.7 (e.) to read "One Single-family or two-family dwelling structure shall be permitted. Multi-family structure/s shall be permitted after receiving Planning Board Site Plan approval. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments are on file and available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Deliberative Session and at the polls. 380

**YES**

**NO**

The Planning Board recommends this article. 126

The Selectboard recommends this article.

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 03  
Historic District Ordinance**

371

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Historic District Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board?

**YES**   
**NO**

The Planning Board recommends this article.  
The Selectboard recommends this article.

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Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance are on file and available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Deliberative Session and at the polls.

**Article 04  
Operating Budget**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,657,932. This amount represents \$5,587,713 for the Town Operating budget, \$602,985 for the Water Fund operating budget and \$467,234 for the Sewer Fund operating budget. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,283,336, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. \*The default budget represents \$5,237,067 for the Town operating budget \$604,781 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$441,448 for the Sewer Fund operating budget. NOTE: This warrant article (operating budgets) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

332

**YES**   
**NO**

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.  
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

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**Article 05  
Add Funds to Emergency Comms. CRF**

416

To see if the Town of Charlestown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Emergency Communications Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established under Article 11 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of acquiring, replacing, or repairing emergency services communication equipment or improvements. (Majority vote required.)

**YES**   
**NO**

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.  
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

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**Article 06  
Add Funds to Transfer Station Equipment CRF**

371

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established under Article 6 at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting, for the purchase and maintenance of Transfer Station Equipment. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

**YES**   
**NO**

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.  
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

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**Article 07  
To Discontinue a Portion of George Moulton Way**

384

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to discontinue, completely and absolutely, four hundred (400) feet of the northern end of George Moulton Way.

**YES**   
**NO**

The Selectboard recommends this article.

132

**Article 08  
To Support the Charlestown Senior Center**

473

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 in 2025 to support the Charlestown Senior Center. (This is a Petition Article).

**YES**   
**NO**

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

77

**Article 09  
To Decrease the Selectboard to three (3) members**

261

Are you in favor of decreasing the board of selectmen to 3 members per RSA 41:8-d? (This is a Petition Article) (Majority ballot vote required)

**YES**   
**NO**

The Selectboard does not recommend this article.

285

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**