



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

BALLOT 1 of 2

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

*Patricia Chaffee*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval  to the right of your choice like this:  . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval  to the right of the "write-in" space like this  .

<b>FOR SELECTBOARD MEMBER</b> For Three Years Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected	<b>FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> For Six Years Vote for not more than 1	<b>FOR PLANNING BOARD</b> For Three Years Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
JESSICA LEMIEUX <input type="radio"/>	EMILY ST. PIERRE <input type="radio"/>	ALAN D PUTNAM <input type="radio"/>
JEREMY C WOOD <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	BILL RESCSANSKI <input type="radio"/>
ARMADEUS S DAVIDSON <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> For Three Years Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
RAYMOND GOSETTI <input type="radio"/>	EMILY ST. PIERRE <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> For Three Years Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected
NANCY HOUGHTON <input type="radio"/>	VICTORIA CHASSE <input type="radio"/>	ADAM CHOQUETTE <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	KAREN HASKELL <input type="radio"/>	SARAH ANNE DAVIS <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR</b> For Three Years Vote for not more than 1	JAMES LUPOLT <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
PATRICIA CHAFFEE <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b> For Three Years Vote for not more than 1	<b>FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> For Three Years Vote for not more than 1	<b>FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> For Two Years Vote for not more than 1
BARBARA HEWES <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT L DAVIS <input type="radio"/>	JAMES LUPOLT <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed and recommended by the Planning Board, as follows: Add new Section 8.5.12 to allow multifamily residential development and multifamily structures on commercially zoned land provided there exists, or will be provided, adequate infrastructure to support the development, and to allow multifamily development where industrial and manufacturing uses are permitted provided such development is compatible with the existing industrial and manufacturing uses; and further to amend sections 8.5.1.g; 8.5.3.a;8.5.3.b; 8.5.3.c; 8.5.3.c; 8.5.3.g; 8.5.4.a; 8.5.6.a; 8.5.7.e; 8.5.8.1; 8.5.8.2; 8.5.9.A; 8.5.9.1.B; 8.5.9.1.C; 8.5.9.2.H; ; 8.5.10.1.A; 8.5.10.1.B; and 8.5.10.1.C to conform the existing Zoning Ordinance to the new section 8.5.12 and to make such other technical and/or grammatical corrections as are necessary and proper. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments and conforming amendments are on file and are available for public inspection during the regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will also be available at the deliberative session and at the polls.

YES

NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 03 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: Add new Section 8.4.12 to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), either attached or detached from the principal dwelling unit, as a matter of right in any zoning district where single family dwelling units exist or where such units are permitted, with the following limitations: require owner occupancy of one of the dwelling units, allow no more than one ADU per lot, restrict the size of any ADU to no larger than 950 sq. ft nor less than 750 sq. ft of living space, require each ADU to have independent access separate from the principal dwelling unit (or through a common space shared with the principal dwelling unit), prohibit any subdivision of land from the ADU located thereon (unless the proposed lots have a minimum of 15,000 sq. ft. each); prohibit the sale of such property separate from the principal dwelling unit, prohibit multiple (two or more) attached ADU's (townhouse style) and prohibit the use of any ADU as a multifamily dwelling; and further, to amend sections 2.2; 8.5.1.a; 8.5.6.a; 8.5.7.e; 8.5.8.1; 9.5.9.1.A; and 8.5.10.1.A to conform the existing zoning ordinance to the new section 8.4.12, and to make such other technical and/or grammatical corrections as are necessary and proper.

Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments and conforming amendments are on file and are available for public inspection during the regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will also be available at the deliberative session and at the polls.

YES

NO

**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 \$6,976,401. This amount represents \$5,816,194 for the Town Operating budget, \$635,579 for the Water Fund operating budget and \$524,628 for the Sewer Fund operating budget. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,665,903, 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 \$5,467,284 for the Town operating budget \$666,537 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$532,082 for the Sewer Fund operating budget. NOTE: This warrant article (operating budgets) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (7) Yes, (1) No, (0) Abstained.

YES

NO

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

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.)

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

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

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)

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (7) Yes, (0) No, (1) Abstained (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

**Article 07 Reappraisal C/R Withdrawal**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, the sum of \$64,000 for the purpose of conducting a statistical update reappraisal of all real estate in the Town for the 2026 tax year (5 years after the last one) and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$64,000 from the Real Estate Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 6 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose. No part of this appropriations is to be raised by general taxation.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**





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**Article 08 Purchase Replacement Fire Hoses**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,650 for the purchase of replacement fire hoses. This appropriation shall be funded solely through the Town's unreserved fund balance. No part of this appropriation is to be raised by general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

**Article 09 To purchase land for a future site of a new fire station.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,000 for the purchase of approximately 3.2 acres of land located at 291 Old Springfield Road as the future site of a new fire station. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of (1) Yes, (7) No, (0) Abstained. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

**Article 10 Service-Connected Total Disability tax credit**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 72:35, I-a, to increase the optional tax credit for service-connected permanent and total disability from Fourteen Hundred dollars and no cents (\$1400) to Nineteen Hundred dollars and no cents (\$1900), pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, to offset a loss of eligibility for other veterans' tax credits. Pursuant to a 2025 amendment to RSA 72:35, I-a, the said credit for service-connected total disability now replaces other veterans' credits under RSA 72:28, 72:28-b, 72:28-c, and 72:36-a in their entirety and shall not be in addition thereto. To qualify, the veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:35, that pertain to eligibility for this credit, as well as those contained in any other applicable statute. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. (Majority Ballot Vote Required)

YES

NO

**Article 11 To Support the Charlestown Senior Center**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 in 2026 to support the Charlestown Senior Center. (This is a Petition Article). The Selectboard recommends this appropriation by a vote of (5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained. The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of (8) Yes, (0) No, (0) Abstained

YES

NO

**Article 12 Ambulance Service**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of acquiring equipment and supplies to establish a transport ambulance service to be operated with the Charlestown Fire Department for the provision of Emergency Medical Services for the Town of Charlestown. Such services begin no later than March 31, 2027. This is a petition warrant article. The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of (1) Yes, (3) No, (1) Abstained. The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of (0) Yes, (8) No, (0) Abstained.

YES

NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**