



Open Letter regarding the Tax Rate

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 apportionments are paid.

As the Chair of the Selectboard, and the only member of the current Selectboard who voted for the tax rate I am 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

Charlemont is in need of an Animal Inspector

Do you like animals? The town needs an animal inspector, this position does have a stipend of \$1,023.47 broken into two payments a year.

A description of the position is here: The Division of Animal Health appoints a municipal animal inspector for each and every city and town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector has recently become rabies control in the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn inspections and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines in the event of an outbreak.

More information can also be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/municipal-animal-inspector-program>

If you are interested in the position, please contact the selectboard at selectboard@townofcharlemont.org

News From the Town Clerk

The following is the final list of positions that will appear on the Annual Election ballot. If you are interested in taking out nomination papers for any of these positions, please contact Town Clerk Kathy Reynolds. Nomination papers are due back to the Town Clerk no later than Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at the Hawlemont Elementary School from noon to 7:00 P.M.

Select Board – 3 years

Moderator – 1 year

Board of Assessors – 3 years

Charlemont School Committee – 3 years

Mohawk Trail School Committee – 1 year

Tree Warden – 3 years

Planning Board – 5 years

Planning Board – 1 year

Planning Board Assoc. – 3 years

Tyler Mem Library Trustee – 3 years

Parks and Rec. – 5 years

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Constable – 3 years

Board of Health – 3 years

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