



Electrical Aggregation News

The Charlemont Community Choice Power Supply Program is a municipal aggregation program. According to Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134), municipal aggregation enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses so that it can provide them with an alternative electricity supply. Once in place, the local government can monitor and set its own energy related goals for the program such as savings, stability or green options.

This Program only affects the supply portion of your monthly bill. It will not affect the delivery portion. National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity but Charlemont, using a competitive bid process, has chosen the supplier for the Program. Below is the pricing for the contract beginning January of 2024.

If you are interested in participating in the program and have not already signed up, visit <https://colonialpowergroup.com/charlemont/> and hit the opt in button.

| COMMUNITY | START | TERM | STANDARD PRODUCT* | RATE | OPTIONAL PRODUCT #1* | RATE #1 | OPTIONAL PRODUCT #2* | RATE #2 |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| CHARLEMONT | Jan-24 | 24 months | Meets RPS | 0.14159 | RPS + 38% National Wind RECs | 0.14302 | RPS + 50% MA Class I RECs | 0.16112 |

*No biomass

Conservation Commission in need of members

Are you interested in conservation laws and learning about wetlands? Charlemont is in need of Conservation Commission members, a summary of the commission role is below:

Role: "One of the important functions of the Conservation Commission is to administer the state wetland regulations within our town. Generally, any activity within 200' of a year-round stream, brook or river, or activity within 100' of a marsh, pond, flood plain or other wetland requires Conservation Commission review."

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact the Conservation Commission Secretary star.atkeson@townofcharlemont.org

News From the Tax Collector

Taxpayers are reminded that the first quarter payment for fiscal year 2024 real estate and personal property taxes are due by August 1,2023

Please note your second quarter voucher was mailed with your first quarter voucher, both quarters were in one mailing. Please mail your payments to PO box 606, Charlemont MA 01339

Meeting to Discuss Recreation Money

On August 1, 2023, at 6 pm the Select board will hold a public meeting to update residents on the Recreation Money uses previously discussed and discuss possible new uses for the \$500,000 the town received for recreation. This meeting will be held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds.

INFORMATION ON MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENTS FROM ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Abatements of motor vehicle excise tax can be filed with the Board of Assessors for the following reasons: if the vehicle was sold or traded during the year in which it is being taxed and the registration was properly cancelled, if the vehicle was stolen, junked or deemed a total loss, if the owner moved, registered the vehicle in another state, and cancelled the registration in Massachusetts. To be considered for an abatement, you must submit a complete application to the Assessors with the proper supporting documentation.

In almost all cases, a copy of the plate cancellation receipt will be required as well as the following:

- The Assessors require all excise bills to be paid in full before an abatement will be allowed.
- For sales or transfers: plate cancellation or registration for the new vehicle as well as a bill of sale or copy of the trade-in sales form.
- For stolen or vehicles deemed a total loss: copy of the police report or insurance settlement letter and plate cancellation or C-19 lost or stolen plate form.
- For junked vehicles: a receipt from the junkyard and plate cancellation.
- Moved from Massachusetts: plate cancellation and registration from the new state.

Note that no abatement is entitled if the registration is canceled but ownership is retained or if moving to another MA city/town within the same calendar year. You must notify the RMV within 30 days of moving and before January 1 to be billed by your new city or town the following year.

It is most important to cancel the plate(s) promptly with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and to obtain a plate (registration) cancellation receipt, otherwise you will continue to be billed by the RMV for the vehicle that was registered to that plate. When an abatement is granted, excise bills are prorated by the month and the owner is responsible for the excise accrued through the month in which the car was last registered to him/her.

Abatement applications are available on the town website: [Board of Assessors - Town of Charlemont \(charlemont-ma.us\)](http://Board of Assessors - Town of Charlemont (charlemont-ma.us)), in the Assessor's Office or you may call the office to request an application.

To expedite the processing of your abatement application, be sure to submit a completed, signed application with all the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at 413-339-8586,x2.

