



## Annual Town Meeting Reminder

Charlemont's Annual Town Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Town Meeting decides these major things:

- It votes to appropriate money to run the town.
- It votes on the town's local statutes, which are called by-laws.

If you would like further information on how town meeting works, see the following guide:

[https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/cis/download/Guide\\_to\\_Town\\_Meetings.pdf](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/cis/download/Guide_to_Town_Meetings.pdf)

## Board of Health News

**COVID vaccine – are you up to date? In late February 2024, CDC added a new recommendation that people aged 65 years and older** should receive 1 additional dose of any updated (2023–2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech).

This additional dose, given at least 4 months after first dose of 23-24 formula vaccine, is to boost protection during the summer months.

Cooperative Public Health Nurses are providing Moderna COVID vaccine in home visits, and at drop-in nursing hours, through the spring and early summer by appointment only. If you would like to receive this additional dose, or if you still need a first dose of the 2023-24 formula that came out in Sept 2023,


**Please contact:**

Lisa White, RN Franklin Regional Council of Governments Cooperative Public Health Service  
413-774-3167 x-156

**Welcome to tick season!** They never really went away, but they are bugging us in greater numbers now. You know the drill, yes? Wear light colored clothing, tuck your pants into your socks, try to stay on trails and avoid long grass, and wear a good insect repellent on your skin and a spray containing permethrin on your clothes and shoes. Be sure to check yourselves each night when you spend time outdoors or have pets who go out. If you do get bitten, you can send your tick away to be tested. The Board of Health subsidizes these tests. Be sure to include in your submission that you live in Charlemont. The site is [www.tickreport.com](http://www.tickreport.com). If you have questions call 339-4335 ext. 6. Stay safe!

## News from the Town Clerk

The annual Town Election is June 4, 2024, from 12pm-7pm at Hawlemont Regional School. Early Voting is available for the Local Election this year. Early Voting is available May 20,2024- May 31,2024 at the Charlemont Town Hall, during the hours the Town Clerk is in Town Hall. The Town Clerk Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 8am to 1 pm and Thursday 2pm -7pm. A sample ballot is below.

 <p>CHARLEMONT 1792</p>	<p><b>Early/Absentee Official Ballot Annual Town Election June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b> <i>This is a Sample Ballot</i></p>	<p>Thorne Palmer Town Clerk</p>
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### Instructions to Voters

To vote, clearly check the box to the right of your choice.

For write-in candidates, be sure to write the candidate's full name in the space provided and check the box to the right of the name you entered.

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# **What do YOU want the Charlemont Fairgrounds to be?**

**The town of Charlemont is seeking your input into how it can enhance the historic Charlemont Fairgrounds for more use.**

**Please take a few minutes to respond to a short survey by scanning the QR code below.**

