

1 **CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING**
2 **Wednesday, December 27, 2023**
3 **Charlotte Town Hall 159 Ferry Road and via teleconference**
4 **DRAFT**

5 *Draft minutes are subject to correction by the Charlotte Selectboard.*
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7 **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS:** *In person:* James Faulkner, Chair; Frank Tenney, Vice Chair;
8 Kelly Devine; Lewis Mudge (remote); Louise McCarren (absent)
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10 **ADMINISTRATION:** Nathaniel Bareham Town Administrators (absent)
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12 **OTHERS:**

13 **In person:** Lane Morison, Charles Russel
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15 **Remote:** Scooter MacMillan
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17 **AGENDA ITEMS:**
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19 6:30 PM: Call to Order

20 6:32 PM: Adjustments to the agenda

21 6:35 PM: Set dates for First and Second Public Hearing on Petitioned-For Charter Proposal

22 6:45 PM: Review/Approve Notice of First and Second Public Hearing on Petitioned-For
23 Charter Proposal

24 7:00 PM: Adjournment
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26 **Call to Order**

27 James Faulkner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated that the purpose of this
28 Special Selectboard Meeting is to focus entirely on changing the scheduled public informational
29 hearing dates.
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31 **Adjustments to the agenda**

32 None.
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34 **Set dates for First and Second Public Hearing on Petitioned-For Charter Proposal**

35 James Faulkner stated that additional information has been brought to the attention of the
36 Selectboard by the Petition Committee regarding the number of days necessary for compliance
37 of the Vermont state statute for the warning of these public informational hearings making it
38 necessary to reschedule them.
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40 **MOTION by Kelly Devine, Seconded by Frank Tenney, to reconsider the decisions of the**
41 **Selectboard on December 18, 2023, that was voted in to set dates for the public hearings for**
42 **the anticipated ballot items for the March 05, 2024, ballot. VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent**
43 **(McCarren); Motion Carried.**
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45 **MOTION by Kelly Devine, Seconded by James Faulkner, to rescind the two warning**

46 **documents entitled Town of Charlotte notice for public informational hearing for**
47 **Australian ballot article to be voted at town meeting, previously approved by the**
48 **Selectboard in connection with the first and second public hearings on the petitioned for**
49 **Charter proposal and respectively noticed for January 22 and January 30, 2024. VOTE: 4**
50 **ayes, 0 nays 1 absent (McCarren); Motion Carried.**

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52 Kelly Devine stated that it's important to make mention that the Selectboard is making this
53 change under the advisement of the town attorney.
54 Lewis Mudge received clarification that the public hearings are being pushed back by roughly
55 one week and that the Selectboard only needs a quorum at these public informational hearings.
56 He went on to state that he may not be able to attend both meetings.
57 Kelly Devine received confirmation that the Selectboard will still have its regularly scheduled
58 meeting on January 22, 2023.

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60 **MOTION by Frank Tenney, seconded by Kelly Devine, to set new dates for the public**
61 **hearings on the petitioned for Charter proposal with the first public hearing occurring on**
62 **Tuesday January 30, 2024, and the seconded public hearing occurring on Monday**
63 **February 05, 2024. VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent (McCarren); Motion Carried.**

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65 **Review/Approve Notice of First and Second Public Hearing on Petitioned-For Charter**
66 **Proposal**

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68 **MOTION by Kelly Devine, seconded by Lewis Mudge, to approve a new warning**
69 **document for the public hearings on the petitioned for Charter proposal entitled Town of**
70 **Charlotte notice of first and second public hearings on petitioned for Charter proposal**
71 **with posting and publication of that new warning to occur as required by Vermont law.**
72 **VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent (McCarren); Motion Carried.**

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74 **Adjournment**

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76 **MOTION by James Faulkner, seconded by Kelly Devine, to adjourn. VOTE: 4 ayes, 0**
77 **nays 1 absent (McCarren); Motion Carried.**

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79 The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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81 Minutes respectfully submitted by Brooke Milo, Minute Taker. Edits by Nathaniel Bareham.