

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**  
**NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Charlestown Elementary School, 363 Carolina Back Road, Charlestown**  
**May 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Charter for the Town of Charlestown, notice is hereby given of the following proposed tentative budget and proposed warrant questions to be discussed at the Budget Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 at the Charlestown Elementary School, 363 Carolina Back Road, Charlestown at 7:00 p.m. (The Home Rule Charter Amendments do not allow the Town enough time to receive and certify petitions from electors before the deadline for publishing this Warrant, therefore if petitions from electors are submitted after the deadline to publish this Warrant, they will be advertised on or before May 3, 2007. Petitions that are published with this Warrant have been certified.) Pursuant to Article XXVI §C-86A, the electors of the town, qualified to vote, shall receive and discuss the proposed budget and warrant items from the Council in advance of the June 4, 2007 Financial Referendum. Pursuant to Article XXVI, §C-86E, if there is a conflict between warrant items, the Moderator of the Public Hearing shall call for votes to determine which of the conflicting petitions for warrant items shall appear on the Financial Referendum ballot. ***Please note: The Charter does not allow for votes to be taken at this meeting except if there is a conflict between warrant items. Voting will be done at the June 4, 2007 Referendum.***

**2007-2008 Tentative Budget**  
as adopted by the Town Council on April 9, 2007

| <b>Account</b>  | <b>Department/Commission</b>       |    | <b>As Recommended</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 4100  | Town Council                       | \$ | 27,600                |
| 4200  | Town Administrator                 |    | 128,814               |
| 4300  | Election Unit                      |    | 15,100                |
| 4400  | Treasurer                          |    | 164,550               |
| 4500  | Tax Assessor                       |    | 200,743               |
| 4600  | Tax Collector                      |    | 94,558                |
| 4700  | Public Records                     |    | 193,081               |
| 4800  | Town Planner                       |    | 101,355               |
| 4900  | Central Service                    |    | 177,500               |
| 5100  | Police Department                  |    | 2,055,777             |
| 5200  | Building Inspector                 |    | 151,288               |
| 5300  | Civil Defense                      |    | 24,540                |
| 5400  | Animal Control                     |    | 73,820                |
| 5600  | Public Assistance                  |    | 14,200                |
| 6100  | Public Works Administration        |    | 121,468               |
| 6200  | Highways and Roads                 |    | 706,103               |
| 6300  | Building and Grounds               |    | 207,769               |
| 6400  | CRCC Mandated Monitoring           |    | 73,800                |
| 6600  | Public Works Wastewater Management |    | 65,490                |
| 7200  | Outside Agencies                   |    | 20,500                |
| 7300  | Local Agencies                     |    | 377,750               |
| 7400  | Boards and Commissions             |    | 33,400                |
| 8000  | Senior Citizen/Community Center    |    | 76,134                |
| 8100  | Recreation Administration          |    | 105,319               |
| 8150  | Recreation Programs                |    | 32,460                |
| 8200  | Charlestown Beach                  |    | 81,513                |
| 8300  | Ninigret Park                      |    | 26,224                |
| 8400  | Driving Range                      |    | 26,036                |
| 8500  | Blue Shutters Beach                |    | 69,328                |
| 9000  | Debt Service                       |    | 860,944               |
| 9200  | Employee Benefits                  |    | 1,639,546             |
| 9400  | Professional Services              |    | 223,000               |
| 9500  | Town Insurance                     |    | 226,000               |
| 9600  | Council Contingency                |    | 9,800                 |
| 9900  | Capital Improvements               |    | 242,125               |
| 9950  | Transfers Out                      |    | 409,500               |
| <b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>                         |                                    |    | <b>\$ 9,057,135</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL CHARIHO BUDGET (Approved 4-10-07)</b>        |                                    |    | <b>\$ 13,631,253</b>  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOLS EXPENDITURES</b> |                                    |    | <b>\$ 22,688,388</b>  |

**WARRANT ITEMS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**April 9, 2007**

**QUESTION 1.**

“Shall the people of Charlestown approve the use of the existing open space bond authorization up to an estimated total cost of the Blue Shutters Beach Improvement Program of \$1.65 million for the project entitled Blue Shutters Beach and Improvement Program Recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee with the understanding that this sum will be reduced to the extent of

any and all federal, state, local or private grant funds or appropriations that are obtained for the program?”

**QUESTION 2.**

“Shall the Town Treasurer and the President of the Town council be authorized pursuant to RIGL 45-12-2 to issue and refund from time to time, bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of financing the reconstruction and resurfacing of Old Coach Road beginning at Shannock Road and extending to 200’ past the stream crossing east of Sand Hill Road?”

**QUESTION 3.**

“Shall the Town Treasurer and the President of the Town Council be authorized pursuant to RIGL 45-12-2 to issue and refund from time to time, bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$788,800 (seven hundred eight-eight thousand, eight hundred dollars) for the purpose of financing the reconstruction and resurfacing of Buckeye Brook Road beginning at Shumankanuc Hill Road and extending to the center line of Stillwater Road?”

**PETITIONS SUBMITTED BY ELECTORS**

**PETITION 1.**

“Shall the taxpayers authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,650,000 from the Open Space bonding authority approved by the voters June 14, 2004, with the understanding that such expenditures may be reduced by the receipt of and to the extent of any and all federal, state, local or private grant funds received for the construction of the following project: Charlestown’s Blue Shutters Beach – An Improvement Program Recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission dated February 27, 20007?”

**PETITION 2.**

“Shall the Town Treasurer and the President of the Town Council be authorized pursuant to RIGL 45-12-2 to issue and refund from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in order to finance the design and development of public recreational facilities at Charlestown’s Blue Shutters beach to provide permanent and/or interim restrooms, concession stand, storage and related facilities, with the understanding that such expenditures may be reduced by the receipt of and to the extent of any and all federal, state, local or private grant funds received for the construction of aforementioned facilities, the terms, details and condition of such bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness to be set by a resolution of the Town Council in accordance with all provisions of the Town Charter and following a detailed proposal set forth in a public meeting?”

**PETITION 3**

“Shall the taxpayers decrease line item 420-5005 Salary, Town Administrator, to an amount not to exceed \$300 per month (\$3,600 a year) as well as eliminate all employee benefit costs related to the position in line item 9200 Employee Benefits?”

**PETITION 4**

“Shall the taxpayers add a line item to the budget entitled “Assistant Town Administrator” for the amount of \$80,000 or \$6,666 a month, such position to be on a contractual basis for any period up until June 30, 2008 without benefits, said position to be filled by a resident of Rhode Island, chosen via an open, competitive, advertised process, based on qualifications, to fill the position of Administrator in the Administrator’s absence for any period for any reason up to June 30, 2008, at which time his/her contract can be renewed only after an open competitive process?”

**PETITION 5**

“Shall the taxpayers authorize the Town to expend an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting a special election to remove and replace Charlestown Town Councilor James Mageau? The aforementioned special election would place two questions before the voters: 1.) A question allowing registered voters of the Town of Charlestown, RI the opportunity to remove councilor James Mageau from office that must be approved by at least 60%of the voters casting ballots in the aforementioned special election and 2.) A question allowing registered voters of the Town of Charlestown, RI the opportunity to select among qualified candidates – specifically those who have gathered signatures of 50 registered voters 30 days before the election – to replace Councilor Mageau’s term of office to take effect should the voters approve the removal of Councilor Mageau in Question 1. The removal and replacement election will be carried out by the Board of Elections in cooperation with the Town Clerk and will take place no later than September 30, 2007 and the winning replacement candidate will be determined to be the candidate who receives the most votes.”

**Jodi P. LaCroix, CMC  
Town Clerk**

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