

# YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



# The Pipeline

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## Don't be Frustrated on Election Day

If you are uncertain as to your exact polling location you can access the Town's website at [www.charlestownri.org](http://www.charlestownri.org). On the right hand side of your screen click on the big red words that say "Voter Information Center". Then on the right hand side of your screen click on "Check Your Voter Registration." This will allow you to find out where your polling place is and view sample ballots.

**If you don't have access to a computer you may call the Town Clerk's office at 364-1200.**



## Polling Locations

District	Location
0501	Meadowbrook Inn 168 Carolina Back Road
0502	Charlestown Town Hall 4540 South County Trail
0503	Charlestown Police Station—Community Room 4901 Old Post Road
0504	Charlestown Ambulance Rescue Station 4891 Old Post Road

**Polls will be open  
Nov. 6th  
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

## Sample Ballot

A sample ballot of the candidates has been included for your review prior to election day. The names under the category for Senator in General Assembly have been blanked out because those positions are based on districts and are not the same for everyone in Charlestown. The candidates for this race are listed below.

You will notice that for School Committee the ballot states, "vote for 1", for Town Council "vote for any 5", and for Planning Commission, "vote for any 5." This is the maximum number you can vote for in any of these categories. However, you do not have to vote for that many candidates. **You may vote for less than the number listed if you so choose, or write in a candidate.**

**See Sample Ballot on next page.**

## Senate District Information

The following candidates' names will appear on the ballot in the following categories. The candidate you will vote for depends on the district in which you live. These names have been eliminated from the sample ballot, and placed here, to avoid confusion due to Senate District lines.

<b>Senator in General Assembly</b>	
<i>District 38</i>	
<b>Voting Districts 0503 &amp; 0504</b>	
Dennis L. ALGIERE ( R )	
Write-in	
<i>District 34</i>	
<b>Voting Districts 0501 &amp; 0502</b>	
Catherine COOL RUMSEY ( D )	
Francis T. MAHER, JR. ( R )	
Write-in	

**OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

**Ballot 1**



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**1. To vote:**

Complete the arrow(s) ← pointing to your choice(s) with a single bold line, like this ←

**2. To vote for a write-in candidate:**

Print the name of the person on the blank line labeled "Write-In" for the office and complete the arrow ← pointing to your write-in choice like this ←

**3. To cast a straight party vote:**

Complete the arrow pointing to the party of your choice in the straight party section of the ballot. If you cast a straight party vote and also vote for an individual candidate or candidates for a certain office on the ballot, the straight party vote will not be counted for that office and only the individual candidate or candidates voted for will be counted for that office.

<p align="center"><b>STRAIGHT PARTY</b> To vote a "Straight Ticket" complete the arrow pointing to the party of your choice.</p> <p align="center">★ DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center">MODERATE ←</p> <p align="center">REPUBLICAN ←</p> <p align="center"><b>PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR:</b></p> <p>President Vice President <b>Barack OBAMA Joe BIDEN</b> DEMOCRAT</p> <p>President Vice President <b>Mitt ROMNEY Paul RYAN</b> REPUBLICAN</p> <p>President Vice President <b>Gary JOHNSON James P. GRAY</b> Libertarian</p> <p>President Vice President <b>Virgil GOODE Jim CLYMER</b> Constitution</p> <p>President Vice President <b>Ross C. "Rocky" ANDERSON Luis J. RODRIGUEZ</b> Justice</p> <p>President Vice President <b>Peta LINDSAY Yari OSORIO</b> Socialism and Liberation</p> <p>President Vice President <b>Jill STEIN Cheri HONKALA</b> Green</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center"><b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b> SIX Year Term Vote for 1</p> <p align="center"><b>Sheldon WHITEHOUSE</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center"><b>B. Barrett HINCKLEY, III</b> REPUBLICAN ←</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p>	<p align="center"><b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> DISTRICT 2 TWO Year Term Vote for 1</p> <p align="center"><b>James R. LANGEVIN</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Michael G. RILEY</b> REPUBLICAN ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Abel G. COLLINS</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center"><b>SENATOR IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> DISTRICT 34 TWO Year Term Vote for 1</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center"><b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> DISTRICT 36 TWO Year Term Vote for 1</p> <p align="center"><b>Donna M. WALSH</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Tina B. JACKSON</b> REPUBLICAN ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Kevin W. PRESCOTT</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center"><b>TOWN MODERATOR</b> TWO Year Term Vote for 1</p> <p align="center"><b>Henry A. WALSH</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p>	<p align="center"><b>TOWN COUNCIL</b> TWO Year Term Vote for any 5</p> <p align="center"><b>Paula Ann ANDERSEN</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Thomas M. FERRIO</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Timothy E. QUILLEN</b> DEMOCRAT ←</p> <p align="center"><b>James M. MAGEAU</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>John C. DONOGHUE</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Ronald J. AREGLADO</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Daniel J. SLATTERY</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Gregory J. AVEDISIAN</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>George C. TREMBLAY</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Lisa A. DiBELLO</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center"><b>Thomas B. GENTZ</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <p align="center"><b>CHARIHO SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> FOUR Year Term Vote for 1</p> <p align="center"><b>Stephen M. HUZYK</b> Independent ←</p> <p align="center">Write-in</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p align="center"><b>LOCAL RACES CONTINUE ON BACK</b></p> <p align="center"><b>STATE QUESTIONS ON BACK</b></p> <p align="center"><b>LOCAL QUESTIONS ON SEPARATE BALLOT</b></p> </div>
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**VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT**

**NON-PARTISAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Two Top Vote Getters Will Serve  
For a Six Year Term  
Next Top Vote Getter will  
Serve For a Two Year Term  
Next Two Top Vote Getters Serve  
For a Two Year  
Term as Alternates  
Vote for any 5

- Jan V. KNOST ←
- Melina LODGE ←
- Constance D. VADNAIS-BAKER ←
- Peter D. HERSTEIN ←
- Frank D. GLISTA ←
- Joseph S. DOLOCK ←
- Gordon L. FOER ←
- Ruth L. PLATNER ←
- Michael Eugene BRETON ←
- Brandon Thomas CLEARY ←
- Write-in ←

**STATE QUESTIONS**

1. **STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL**  
**(APPROVAL OF AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT TWIN RIVER IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN)**  
(Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution)  
  
Shall an act be approved which would authorize the facility known as "Twin River" in the town of Lincoln to add state-operated casino gaming, such as table games, to the types of gambling it offers?  
  
Question 1 APPROVE ←  
Question 1 REJECT ←
2. **STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL**  
**(APPROVAL OF AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT NEWPORT GRAND IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT)**  
(Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution)  
  
Shall an act be approved which would authorize the facility known as "Newport Grand" in the city of Newport to add state-operated casino gaming, such as table games, to the types of gambling it offers?  
  
Question 2 APPROVE ←  
Question 2 REJECT ←

**STATE QUESTIONS**

3. **HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BONDS**  
**\$50,000,000**  
(Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)  
  
Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) for renovations and modernization of academic buildings at Rhode Island College including renovation, upgrade and expansion of health and nursing facilities on the campus of Rhode Island College.  
  
Question 3 APPROVE ←  
Question 3 REJECT ←
4. **VETERANS' HOME BONDS**  
**\$94,000,000**  
(Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)  
  
Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed ninety-four million dollars (\$94,000,000) for the construction of a new Veterans' Home and renovations to existing facilities. Any funding amount from federal sources received for these purposes will be used to reduce the amount of borrowed funds.  
  
Question 4 APPROVE ←  
Question 4 REJECT ←
5. **CLEAN WATER FINANCE AGENCY BONDS**  
**\$20,000,000**  
(Chapter 241- Public Laws 2012)  
  
Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to be leveraged with federal and state capitalization grants to finance wastewater infrastructure projects and eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to be leveraged with federal and state capitalization grants to finance drinking water infrastructure projects.  
  
Question 5 APPROVE ←  
Question 5 REJECT ←
6. **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BONDS**  
**\$20,000,000**  
(Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)  
  
Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes for environmental and recreational purposes to be allotted as follows:  
  
(a) **Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration**  
..\$4,000,000  
Provides funds for activities to restore and protect the water quality and enhance the economic viability and environmental sustainability of Narragansett Bay and the State's watersheds. Eligible activities include: nonpoint source pollution abatement, including stormwater management;  
  
CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN

**STATE QUESTIONS**

- CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN**
- nutrient loading abatement; commercial, industrial and agricultural pollution abatement; and riparian buffer and watershed ecosystem restoration.  
(b) **State Land Acquisition - Open Space** ..\$2,500,000  
Provides funds for the purchase of land, development rights and conservation easements in Rhode Island. This program acquires recreational and open space lands for the State of Rhode Island in accordance with the Rhode Island Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Land Protection Plan, and the Rhode Island Greenspace 2000 plan.  
(c) **Farmland Development Rights** ..\$4,500,000  
Provides funds for the purchase of agricultural development rights to active farms in Rhode Island. The State purchases the development rights to farms to eliminate the economic pressure on farmers to sell properties for residential and commercial development. The Agricultural Land Preservation Commission accepts and evaluates farmland applications for these funds.  
(d) **Local Land Acquisition Grants** ..\$2,500,000  
Provides funds for grants to municipalities, local land trusts and non-profit organizations to acquire fee-simple title, development rights, or conservation easements to open space in Rhode Island. The grants provide funding up to fifty percent (50%) of the purchase price for land, surveys, appraisals and title costs. The grant applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Governor's Natural Heritage Preservation Commission according to the program guidelines.  
(e) **Local Recreation Grants**  
..\$5,500,000  
Provides grants to municipalities for acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of local recreational facilities. These grants provide funding assistance up to fifty percent (50%) of the project costs. All grant applications are evaluated and ranked by the State Recreation Resources Review Committee.  
(f) **Historic/Passive Parks**  
..\$1,000,000  
Provides grants to municipalities for the renovation and development of historic and passive recreation areas. The grants provide funding assistance up to ninety percent (90%) of the project costs. All grant applications are evaluated and ranked by the State Recreation Resources Review Committee.  
  
Question 6 APPROVE ←  
Question 6 REJECT ←
- 7. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS**  
**\$25,000,000**  
(Chapter 241 - Public Laws 2012)  
  
Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for affordable housing.  
  
Question 7 APPROVE ←  
Question 7 REJECT ←

CHARLESTOWN

**VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT**

**FINAL CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTIONS  
APPROVED BY  
THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

The Following Charter Amendment Questions Are Submitted by the Charlestown Town Council  
For Submission to the Voters at the Next Regular Election

Duly Adopted by the Charlestown Town Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012

**Question 1**

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARLESTOWN TOWN CHARTER  
(Amends Article VIII § C-31, section K. - Town Council - Legislation)

Shall the Charter be amended as follows:

“The Town Council shall conduct a public hearing with reasonable prior notice and adequate disclosure concerning the adoption and/or approval of any agreement between the Town Council and any other person, party, entity or association in which the Town Council has a financial partnership role.”

**Explanation:** This amendment will require a public notice, disclosure and hearing procedure by the Town Council prior to entering any agreement between the Town Council and any other person, party, entity or association involving a financial partnership role.

**Existing Provisions:** None.

**Question 2**

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARLESTOWN TOWN CHARTER  
(Amends Article XXVII § C-103 – Purchasing - Policy)

Shall the Charter be amended to modify the Town’s purchasing requirements as follows:

Delete the existing Section C-103 and replace with the following:

“A. Any purchase of standard supplies, materials, equipment or services for the routine operation of any department or other town agencies shall be made centrally by the Administrator and will comply with the following provisions.

B. All other purchases unique to any department or other town agency shall be made in compliance with the following provisions, upon written request to the Administrator by the head of the department or other town agency.

For construction purchases:

For amounts which do not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000), the purchase shall be considered a small purchase and approved by the purchasing agent without any quotes or bids required by the Town department and/or division seeking the purchase.

For amounts which are greater than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) but less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the purchase shall be considered a small purchase and approved by the purchasing agent only after three written quotes have been obtained by the Town department and/or division seeking the purchase.

For amounts which are greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), award shall only be made by competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 55 of Title 45 of the General Laws.

For all other purchases:

For amounts which do not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000), the purchase shall be considered a small purchase and approved by the purchasing agent without any quotes or bids required by the Town department and/or division seeking the purchase.

For amounts which are greater than three thousand (\$3,000) but less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the purchase shall be considered a small purchase and approved by the purchasing agent only after three written quotes have been obtained by the Town department and/or division seeking the purchase.

For amounts greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), award shall only be made by competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 55 of Title 45 of the General Laws

E. Where items or services to be purchased, in any amount, through a vendor which has a current Master Price Agreement (MPA) with the State of Rhode Island that can be verified with MPA documentation and MPA number, then the aforementioned purchasing/quotation process is replaced with the requirement of a quote for items or services from the MPA vendor and approval from the department head, verification of funds from the treasurer and final approval by the Town Administrator. This does not preclude or prohibit competitive bidding.”

**Explanation:** This amendment will modify the purchasing requirements of the Town to comport with the Rhode Island General Laws.

**Existing Provisions:**

A. Any purchase of standard supplies, materials, equipment or services for the routine operation of any department or other town agencies shall be made centrally by the Administrator and will comply with the following provisions.

B. All other purchases unique to any department or other town agency shall be made in compliance with the following provisions, upon written request to the Administrator by the head of the department or other town agency.

C. Where the items or services to be purchased do not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) in value, the purchase will be made by the department head or other official in charge of a town agency with the approval of the Administrator.

D. Where the items or services to be purchased have a value of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.), the department head or other official in charge of a town agency shall obtain three (3) quotes from suppliers and submit them with his/her recommendations to the Administrator, who shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder most nearly meeting the specifications of the purchase order.

E. Where the items or services to be purchased have a value of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.), the department head or other official in charge of a town agency shall prepare written specifications for the purchase, and based on these specifications the Administrator shall seek three (3) sealed bids from suppliers. Award of any bid in this category shall be to the lowest responsible bidder most nearly meeting the specifications of the purchase order, and with the approval of the Council. In any event, the Council shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to direct the Administrator to solicit new bids.

F. Where items or services to be purchased, in any amount, through a vendor which has a current Master Price Agreement (MPA) with the State of Rhode Island that can be verified with MPA documentation and MPA number, then the aforementioned purchasing/quotation process is replaced with the requirement of a quote for items or services from the MPA vendor and approval from the department head, verification of funds from the treasurer and final approval by the Town Administrator. This does not preclude or prohibit competitive bidding.

**Question 3**

**AMENDMENT TO CHARLESTOWN TOWN CHARTER  
(Amends Article VI § C-21 – Town Council - Officers)**

Shall the Charter be amended to modify the selection of Town Council Officers, as follows:

“At its organization meeting, upon the election of a new Council, the Council shall elect one (1) of its members as a Council President and one (1) as Vice-President. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Town election shall have the right of first refusal to be the Council President. Should that candidate choose not to accept the Council Presidency, then the candidate receiving the second highest vote total in the Town Council election shall have the right of first refusal to be the Council President and so on for all Council members until one Council member accepts the position of Council President. Of the remaining Council members once the position of Council President has been determined, the right of first refusal shall likewise apply to the position of Vice President based on the highest vote total in descending order until one member of the Council accepts the position of Council Vice President.”

**Explanation:** This amendment would provide for the selection of Town Council officers based on a descending order of preference measured by highest vote totals to lowest vote totals.

**Existing Provisions:** At its organization meeting, upon the election of a new Council, the Council shall elect one (1) of its members as a Council President. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Town election shall have the right of first refusal to be the Council President. Should that candidate choose not to accept the Council Presidency, then the position will be available to any of the members. The President shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as head of the town government for all ceremonial purposes and by the Governor for purposes of martial law. Holding this office shall not deprive the Council President of his/her vote on any question. At the organization meeting the Council shall also elect from its members a Vice President who shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President.

#### Question 4

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARLESTOWN TOWN CHARTER  
(Amends Article XXV § C-78 – Budgeting – Preparation of Budget)

Shall the Charter be revised, as follows:

“The Town shall undertake a capital improvement program process pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 22 of Title 45, Section 7 of the General Laws and to require the Administrator to collect capital improvement program information for a five-year period from the date of the present budget cycle for presentment to the Planning Commission, then the Budget Commission for advisory opinions and, thereafter, to the Town Council for consideration and possible adoption.”

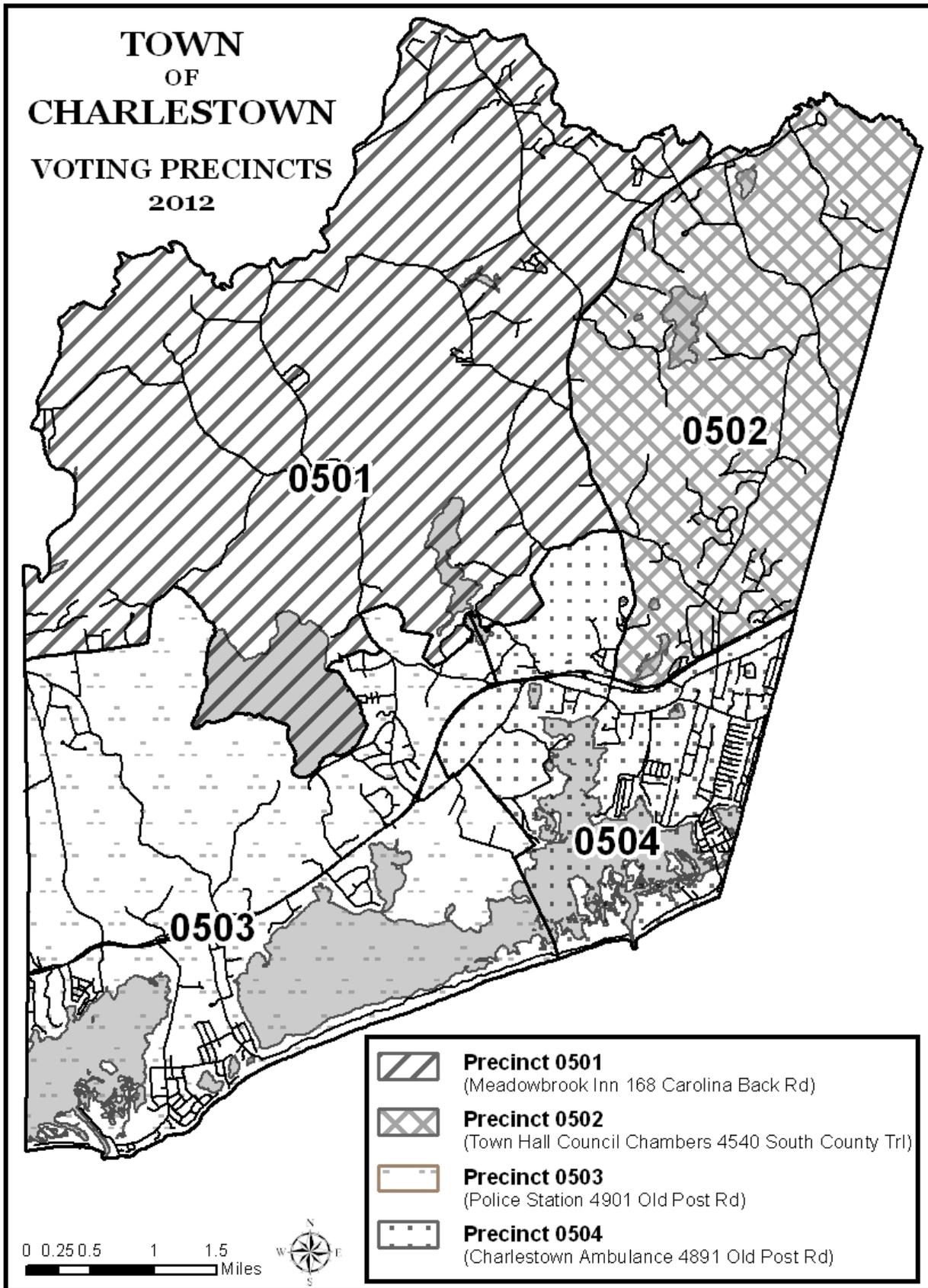
**Explanation:** This provision would require the Town to prepare a capital improvement program for anticipated expenditures reasonably foreseeable to occur in the five year period next following the present budget cycle. This will allow the Town to have an understanding of the possible capital expenses upcoming in future fiscal years, excepting emergencies and unexpected circumstances.

**Existing Provisions:** None.

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# Did You Miss the Voter Registration Deadline of October 7th?

You can still register to vote for the offices of President and Vice President. RIGL § 17-1-3 states “...A person who has not registered to vote, or whose registration has been canceled pursuant to § 17-10-1, may cast a vote for President and Vice President on election day at his or her city or town hall or at an alternate location designated by the Board of Canvassers, and approved by the Board of Elections, where such location is deemed necessary to better accommodate such voters.” To cast this type of vote, go to Town Hall on November 6, 2012.



The State of Rhode Island conducts a redistricting of Senate and Representative Districts every 10 years after the Census data has been compiled. This causes the local voting precinct lines to change. Above is a map of the 2012 Voting Precincts for the Town of Charlestown with a list of corresponding polling places for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Please contact the Board of Canvassers with any questions at (401) 364-1200.

# Town Hall Phone Numbers

364-1210 Administrator  
364-1215 Building/Zoning  
364-1230 Dept. of Public Works  
364-1222 Parks & Recreation  
364-1225 Planning  
364-1233 Tax Assessor  
364-1234 Tax Collector  
364-1200 Town Clerk  
364-1235 Treasurer  
364-1212 Police (non-emergency)  
346-1076 Public Assistance  
364-5030 Wastewater Mgt.

## Hours of Operation

Town Hall Hours: M-F 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
CRCC Hours: M, TH, F, SA, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Animal Shelter: Call ahead, 364-1211  
M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon

## Charlestown Animal Shelter Pets Need Homes! 364-1211



# On-Site Wastewater Treatment News

Good News! Compliance with the Town's Wastewater Management Ordinance is at an all time high! This means less potential threat to our most important natural resource, our groundwater, which is our ONLY source of drinking water in Charlestown, and healthier, cleaner surface waters. Septic systems are regularly being inspected, pumped as necessary, maintained, and repaired. Harmful and dangerous cesspools continue to be removed and replaced with safer and cleaner septic systems. There are now only 117 cesspools remaining in the whole town! Enforcement actions for non-compliance have commenced through the Town's Municipal Court System and have been effective in reducing threats to human health and the environment. Please remember to do your share in protecting our health and the environment of our Town. Please contact the Office of Wastewater Management at 364-5030 with any questions pertaining to wastewater, groundwater and surface water or visit the Wastewater Management Website at [www.charlestownri.org](http://www.charlestownri.org).

### THE TOWN HALL PIPELINE

Charlestown Town Hall  
4540 South County Trail  
Charlestown, RI 02813

PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 34  
CHARLESTOWN RI

«Resident»  
«RR #1»  
«Charlestown, RI 02813»

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