



The Pipeline

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All-Day Financial Referendum

July 29, 2019

Charlestown Town Hall

Poll Open 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Ballot Question

1. "Shall the Town appropriate the FY 2019-2020 budget of \$14,734,199 for municipal services, as adopted by the Charlestown Town Council on July 8, 2019?"

On June 3, 2019, the voters at the All-Day Financial Referendum rejected the proposed budget of \$30,313,520. The Town Council has proposed a new budget for vote at the All-Day Financial Referendum to be held on July 29, 2019.

The recommended budget for FY 2020 is \$28,063,520. The Town Council is proposing a \$1M reduction from the previously proposed tax levy in the FY20 budget. This will reduce the proposed tax rate from \$9.64 to \$9.23.

The Town Council's recommendations for FY20 expenditures and comparison with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019:

EXPENDITURES	2019	2020	\$ Change	% Change
Chariho School Budget	14,216,622	13,329,321	-887,301	-6.24%
Department Expenditures	10,439,116	8,994,955	-1,444,161	-13.83%
Transfers Out	1,225,225	2,977,936	1,752,711	143.05%
Debt Service	766,967	821,077	54,110	7.06%
Capital Expenditures	1,836,716	1,020,679	-816,037	-44.43%
Transfer to Gen. Fund Budgeted Surplus	-	845,000	845,000	
Town-wide Assessment/Survey		74,552	74,552	
Total Recommended Budget	28,484,646	28,063,520	-421,126	-1.48%

The proposed Revenue Schedule is based upon the current best estimates of local revenues, and the Governor's proposed State transfers/grants to the Town. The estimated net assessment value of the Town's Grand List is \$2,565,237,099 and remains subject to the Assessor's finalization and certification.

The Town Council's recommendation of Revenues for FY20 and prior year comparison is presented below:

REVENUES	2019	2020	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund Tax Revenue - Current Year	23,926,758	22,965,512	-961,246	-4.02%
General Fund Tax Revenue - Prior Years	300,000	275,000	-25,000	-8.33%
Interest	160,000	140,000	-20,000	-12.50%
In Lieu of Tax	7,699	7,600	-99	-1.29%
State Reimbursement Excise Tax	243,680	296,996	53,316	21.88%
State Aid to Education	1,624,182	1,607,264	-16,918	-1.04%
Other Governmental Revenue	392,980	385,975	-7,005	-1.78%
Local Revenues	1,241,347	1,418,442	177,095	14.27%
Transfer from Reserve Funds	500,000	854,731	354,731	70.95%
Investment Income	45,000	85,000	40,000	88.89%
Other	43,000	27,000	-16,000	-37.21%
General Fund Revenues	28,484,646	28,063,520	-421,126	-1.48%

Comments regarding major changes and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:

Charlestown Community/Recreation/Senior Center: \$0

Transfer to General Fund Budgeted Surplus: \$845,000

Town-wide Assessment/Survey \$74,552

Information Technology Position and Service Improvements: \$236,333

Information technology position to manage computer service recommended by the consultant who examined the current IT system, its challenges and needed improvements. Funds include equipment and services needed to expeditiously implement needed operational changes.

Public Works:

Heavy truck with plow (replacement) \$157,380
 Backhoe/loader (replacement) \$180,600
 Road Resurfacing \$120,000

Parks and Recreation:

Charlestown Beach Parking Lot Paving \$120,000

Budget Recommendations for Enterprise Funds:

Residential Collection Center (CRCC) recommended budget includes use of General Fund subsidy of \$25,000 to fund this activity. \$209,190

Recommended Coastal Pond Commission budget to fund operations, including the Harbormaster, mooring fields and navigation aids. The Coastal Pond Commission is funded by mooring fees. \$65,009

**To view the REVISED
 2019—2020 Proposed Budget:
<http://www.charlestownri.org>
 On right hand side of home page, look under “**News and Information**”
 and select “**Town Budget FY 2019—2020**”**



Sign up for Code Red Emergency Notifications

<https://www.charlestownri.org/>

See sign-up icon at bottom
left of Charlestown's home page.

NOTICE: To ensure you receive all CODE
RED notices, make sure you update
your information if you have moved or
changed any of your phone numbers.

CODE RED APP AVAILABLE 
Download the free CODE RED APP
on your mobile phone.

Summer Alert!



Left a plastic hanger in the car on a hot day. Came back to this.

DO NOT leave your **CHILDREN** or
PETS unattended in a hot car this
summer. The consequences
could be **TRAGIC!**

Pets for Adoption



Seagan



SeaSea

Call: 364-1211

Did You Know...

- Rhode Island has more shipwrecks per square mile than any other state.
- 400 Rhode Islands can fit inside the single state of Alaska.

NEW: Yellow Public Emergency Medical Box

These boxes are being installed at locations around town:

- Ninigret Park
- Town Hall
- Charlestown Beach
- Blue Shutters Beach

Accessible to the public by calling 911
Boxes include: AED, First Aid, Narcan
More information at
www.charlestownpolice.org



THE TOWN HALL PIPELINE

Charlestown Town Hall
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813



Time Sensitive Material

Beach Sticker Fees 2019

Resident Beach Sticker	\$ 50
Resident Senior Citizen	\$ 25
Non-Resident Beach Sticker (Blue Shutters)	\$ 100
Non-Resident Sr. Sticker (65+ Blue Shutters)	\$ 50
Cottage Pass	\$ 425
Daily Parking fee (Weekdays)	\$ 20
Daily Parking fee (Weekends)	\$ 30

As of May 1, 2019 seasonal Beach passes are available at the Town Clerk's Office. You may stop in or mail a letter of request to the Town Clerk along with your Charlestown property address, a copy of your vehicle registration, a check made payable to Town of Charlestown and a self addressed stamped envelope.

Daily Entrance Beach Fees

Charlestown Beach	
Weekdays	\$ 20
Weekends/Holidays	\$ 30
Blue Shutters	
Weekdays	\$ 20
Weekends/Holidays	\$ 30

Seasonal Hours of Operation

Mon.–Fri. (non-holidays) 9 AM to 5 PM
Sat., Sun. and Holidays 8 AM to 5 PM



**Memorial Day—Labor Day
Lifeguards on Duty
WEATHER PERMITTING**

Charlestown BEACH Bags, MARKET Totes and INSULATED Bags are in Stock and available at Town Hall and at Local Participating Merchants!

CRCC Reminder

Charlestown Residential Collection Center (CRCC) ID Stickers expire annually at the end of the calendar year and must be renewed at Town Hall or by mail with a copy of your registration(s) and a twenty dollar check (made out to CRCC) for each sticker. Please call Alan at (401) 364-1230 weekdays with questions.



A very helpful online resource for questions about how to recycle various items is located at www.rirrc.org. Go to A-Z Recyclopeda.

Town Hall Contact Info

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



Address:

4540 South County Trail, Charlestown RI 02813

Town Hall Hours: M-F 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Animal Shelter: Call ahead, 364-1211

M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon

CRCC Hours: M, TH, FRI, SA, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

NOTE: If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed the next day (Monday). If a holiday falls on a Monday, the CRCC does not open another day to compensate.