

ADOPTED
8/15/00

TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
GIFT ORDINANCE

TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TO ACCEPT CERTAIN GIFTS
WITHOUT TOWN MEETING VOTE

1. Purpose. By the exercise of the Town's home rule legislative power, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend or otherwise apply, without further vote of the Town Meeting, certain gifts described herein, this authority being in addition to the authority already existing under State law to accept gifts of money.

2. Municipal officers authorized to accept certain gifts. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to accept and expend or otherwise apply, without further vote of the town meeting, any gift of money, personal property, or services for a designated public purpose, provided, however, that such gifts are otherwise unrestricted, unconditional, not made or given in or on any trust, and unencumbered by any obligation, and that no gift from any single donor for any single purpose exceeds one thousand dollars in value, in the sole estimation of the Board of Selectmen; and provided, further, that the Board shall include in the narrative portion of the annual town report an account or list of all gifts accepted during the period of each such report under the authority of this article, and a statement of the disposition of each such gift, if the gift is disposed of in the same year it is received.

3. Gifts to reserve fund accounts. Any other provision of this or any other ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board of Selectmen may also accept gifts made to or designated for any Town reserve fund account established by the Town Meeting and in existence when the gift is made, provided that any such gift complies with section 2 of this ordinance in all respects other than its being designated for a Reserve fund account. The municipal officers may not expend any accepted gift made to or designated for a reserve fund account except pursuant to and in accordance with State law governing the Reserve fund. Disbursement of gifts from a reserve fund account need not be reported specifically by the Board in its narrative portion of the annual report for the year.

4. Record of Acceptance. All votes of acceptance of gifts pursuant to this ordinance shall be by motion and vote and be promptly recorded in the minutes of the Selectmen's meetings, and the Board's acceptance shall be promptly thereafter confirmed to the donor or donors by a Selectman or other town official designated by the Board.