

Agenda

Town of Champlain Board Meeting

April 14, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

SUPERVISOR Thomas Trombley

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR Richard Hunter

COUNCIL MEMBERS Natasha Nevius

Richard Hunter

Jason Borrie

Dorothea Southwick

TOWN CLERK Julie Castine

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT Allen Racine

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 1. MARCH 10, 2026
 2. MARCH 11, 2026
- IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL QUESTION PERIOD
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
- V. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 PM LOCAL LAW#1 OF 2026
- VI. REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR
- VII. REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:
- VIII. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:
 1. TOWN CLERKS REPORT

- IX. REVIEW OF POST AUDIT BILLS
- X. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS
- XI. APPROVAL OF PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS
- XII. REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- XIII. REPORT FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
- XIV. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 1. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
 - 2. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – UPCOMING CHANGES
- XV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS 2 STATE CONTRACTS
 - 2. RECOGNITION OF JAMES SEGUIN
 - 3. RECOGNITION OF BRIAN PELKEY
 - 4. RECOGNITION OF GERALD ROBERT
 - 5. RECOGNITION OF BENJAMIN ARNO
 - 6. RESOLUTION #20 OF 2026 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026
 - 7. CHAMPLAIN FIRE DISTRICT – POINT AU FER DRY HYDRANT DETERMINATION
 - 8. CEMETERY REVIVAL GRAVESTONE RESTORATION AND REPAIR
 - 9. DISCUSSION FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- XVI. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. REVISIONS TO INVESTMENT POLICY
- XVII. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12, 2026
- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT



Samuel Parker
Director of Government Affairs

March 13, 2026

RE: Charter Communications – Upcoming Change

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter will serve as notice that on March 31, 2026 Spectrum Northeast, LLC (“Spectrum”) will add NewsNation to the TV Choice selection of available networks that customers can choose to add to their subscription.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-640-8475 or via email at samuel.parker@charter.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SP", written in a cursive style.

Samuel Parker
Director, Government Affairs
Charter Communications



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Director of Government Affairs

March 26, 2026

RE: Charter Communications – Upcoming Change

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter will serve as notice that Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum") recently learned that on March 31, 2026, YES Network will discontinue their overflow feed. On March 31, 2026, the channel will be slated with *programming is no longer available* and will subsequently be dropped on or after April 30, 2026. Programming for YES Network overflow will remain available on Gotham Sports app. This change is out of Spectrum's control.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-640-8475 or via email at samuel.parker@charter.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SPK", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Samuel Parker
Director, Government Affairs
Charter Communications

March 27, 2026

RE: Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

Dear Municipal Official:

Charter values our customers and works hard to keep prices as low as possible. Customers are being noticed via bill message regarding the following price changes that will take effect on or after April 29, 2026.

Description	Price Change
Service Activation (applies when service is activated via self-installation or professional installation)	Will decrease by \$10 from \$30 to \$20.
Change of Service	Will decrease by \$15 from \$65 to \$50.
Professional Installation (formerly Primary Installation/Reconnect, and Trouble Call and will apply to all technician-supported installations)	Will decrease by \$15 from \$65 to \$50.
Hourly Labor Charge	Will decrease by \$15 from \$65 to \$50.

We remain committed to providing excellent entertainment services in your community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-640-8475 or via email at samuel.parker@charter.com.

Sincerely,



Samuel Parker
Director, Government Affairs
Charter Communications



**Citation in Recognition of Mr. James Seguin upon Achieving
Forty Years of Service to the
Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder
Company No. 1, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Mr. James Seguin, has served Forty years of dedicated volunteer service with the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, where he has been a role model to the members of the Department; and,

WHEREAS, James, has served as Captain, Lieutenant and Safety Officer of the Fire Department and has also served as numerous Company officer positions. Mr. Seguin currently serves on the Executive Committee; and,

WHEREAS, James, has been chairperson of numerous Company and Department committees, and his dedication has shown in his many acts of unselfish deeds, not only the Fire Department but to the residents of Rouses Point, the Town of Champlain and neighboring communities; and,

WHEREAS, James, is applauded for his Forty years of service, his dedication to the Department, and his determined commitment to serving his community; and,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Town of Champlain Town Board do hereby go on Public Record, Commending Mr. James Seguin, for his devotion to serving his community, and his Forty years of service to the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1;

AND, FURTHER, that the Town of Champlain Town Board adopts this Citation and instructs the Town Clerk to send a copy to Mr. James Seguin and the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Approved on this 14th day of April 2026:

Thomas Trombley, Supervisor

Rick Hunter, Council Member

Jason Borrie, Council Member

Dorothea Southwick, Council Member

Natasha Nevius, Council Member

Julie Castine, Town Clerk



**Citation in Recognition of Mr. Brian Pelkey upon Achieving
Thirty-Five Years of Service to the
Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder
Company No. 1, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Mr. Brian Pelkey, has served Thirty-Five years of dedicated volunteer service with the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, where he has been a role model to the members of the Department throughout his entire career; and,

WHEREAS, Brian, has held numerous Department offices, specifically as Fire Chief and additionally, held various Company positions throughout his career; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Pelkey, has been chairperson of numerous Company and Department committees, and his dedication has been displayed in his many acts of unselfish deeds, not only the Fire Department but to the residents of Rouses Point, the Town of Champlain and neighboring communities; and,

WHEREAS, Brian, is acclaimed for his Thirty-Five years of service, his dedication to the Department, and his steadfast commitment to serving his community; and,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Town of Champlain Town Board do hereby go on Public Record, Commending Mr. Brian Pelkey, for his commitment to serving his community, and his Thirty-Five years of service to the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1;

AND, FURTHER, that the Town of Champlain Town Board adopts this Citation and instructs the Town Clerk to send a copy to Mr. Brian Pelkey and the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Approved on this 14th day of April 2026:

Thomas Trombley, Supervisor

Rick Hunter, Council Member

Jason Borrie, Council Member

Dorothea Southwick, Council Member

Natasha Nevius, Council Member

Julie Castine, Town Clerk



**Citation in Recognition of Mr. Gerald Robert upon Achieving
Thirty-Five Years of Service to the
Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder
Company No. 1, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Robert, has served Thirty-Five years of dedicated volunteer service with the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, where he has been a role model to the members of the Department throughout his career; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald, has held numerous Company officer positions and Mr. Robert currently serves as Company President, a position he has held for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert, has been chairperson of numerous Company and Department committees, and his dedication has been displayed in his many acts of unselfish deeds, not only the Fire Department but to the residents of Rouses Point, the Town of Champlain and neighboring communities; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald, is celebrated for his Thirty-Five years of service, his dedication to the Department, and his resolute commitment to serving his community; and,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Town of Champlain Town Board do hereby go on Public Record, Commending Mr. Gerald Robert, for his dedication to serving his community, and his Thirty-Five years of service to the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1;

AND, FURTHER, that the Town of Champlain Town Board adopts this Citation and instructs the Town Clerk to send a copy to Mr. Gerald Robert and the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Approved on this 14th day of April 2026:

Thomas Trombley, Supervisor

Rick Hunter, Council Member

Jason Borrie, Council Member

Dorothea Southwick, Council Member

Natasha Nevius, Council Member

Julie Castine, Town Clerk



**Citation in Recognition of Mr. Benjamin Arno upon Achieving
Fifty-Five Years of Service to the
Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder
Company No. 1, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin Arno, has served Fifty-Five years of dedicated volunteer service with the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, where he has been a role model to the members of the Department his entire career; and,

WHEREAS, Benjamin, has served as First and Second Fire Chief Captain of the Fire Department and has also served as Company President and Vice President. Mr. Arno currently serves as Department Safety Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Benjamin, has been chairperson of numerous Company and Department committees, and his dedication has shown in his many acts of unselfish deeds, not only the Fire Department but to the residents of Rouses Point, the Town of Champlain and neighboring communities; and,

WHEREAS, Benjamin, is highly praised for his Fifty-Five years of service, his dedication to the Department, and his determined commitment to serving his community; and,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Town of Champlain Town Board do hereby go on Public Record, Commending Mr. Benjamin Arno, for his devotion to serving his community, and his Fifty-Five years of service to the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1;

AND, FURTHER, that the Town of Champlain Town Board adopts this Citation and instructs the Town Clerk to send a copy to Mr. Benjamin Arno and the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Approved on this 14th day of April 2026:

Thomas Trombley, Supervisor

Rick Hunter, Council Member

Jason Borrie, Council Member

Dorothea Southwick, Council Member

Natasha Nevius, Council Member

Julie Castine, Town Clerk



CHAMPLAIN FIRE DISTRICT

11006 State Route 9, Champlain, New York 12919

admin@champlainfd.net

TEL: 518.298.5553

March 25, 2026

Town of Champlain
C/O Mr. Tom Trombley, Supervisor
10729 U.S. 9
Champlain, NY 12919

Point Au Fer Dry Hydrant Determination

Mr. Tom Trombley,

On behalf of the Champlain Fire District Board of Commissioners, I am writing to formally notify you that, at our recent regular district meeting, the Board **unanimously agreed to abandon the Point Au Fer dry hydrant location.**

This decision follows numerous attempts over the past several years to establish and maintain a reliable drafting site at this location. Unfortunately, ongoing challenges—including significant impacts from wind, ice conditions, and the overall difficulty of safely and effectively drafting water—have made this site impractical for dependable fire protection operations.

While this was not a decision made lightly, we believe it is in the best interest of public safety and operational effectiveness to discontinue use of this location.

Moving forward, the Champlain Fire District is committed to continuing to work collaboratively with you and the Town of Champlain Highway Department to identify and develop an alternative nearby location for a dry hydrant or other accessible drafting site that can provide reliable fire protection for the Point Au Fer area.

We appreciate the Town's continued partnership and support on this matter and look forward to working together toward a suitable solution.

Respectfully,

Chris Trombley

Champlain Fire District
On behalf of the Board of Commissioners

Champlain Fire District is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Cemetery Revival Gravestone Restoration and Repair

Cleaning Services

Headstone Type	Estimated Labor Time	Suggested Donation
Small (≤ 1 ft x 1.5 ft)	15–30 mins	\$30–\$50
Medium (2–3 ft tall)	20–30 mins	\$50–\$100
Large/Ornate	30–45 mins	\$100–\$150
Tabletop/Multi-face	45–60 mins	\$150–\$250
Deep staining add-on —	15 min	+\$25–\$50

Ask about hosting a Gravestone Cleaning Class in your cemetery.

Resetting Services (Available sometime after June 13th)

Reset Type	Estimated Labor Time	Suggested Price
Leaning upright (minor)	60–90 mins	\$150–\$200
Flat stone raise/level	60–90 mins	\$100–\$150
Fully sunken/tilted	90–120 mins	\$200–\$300

Notes: If a customer is supplying sand and gravel for resets, then prices may be deduced.

Repair Services (Available sometime after June 13th)

Repair Type	Estimated Labor Time	Suggested Price
Hairline crack stabilize	30–60 mins	\$75–\$100
Full break (2 pieces)	60–90 mins	\$150–\$200
Multiple breaks (3+)	2–4 hrs	\$200–\$400+

Prices are based on

- \$25 per hour skilled labor plus materials.
- Water available at location
- A travel surcharge of \$15–\$35 may apply beyond 25 miles.
- Volume discounts for 10+ stones in the same cemetery

RESOLUTION No. 20 of 2026

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2026

ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS This Local Law shall be referred to as the “Local Law Imposing a Twelve-Month Moratorium of Applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Champlain to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town of Champlain hereby declares a twelve-month moratorium on applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems (BESS), also known as “Battery Farms”, and includes any Battery-Based Energy Storage System proposed as part of, or accessory to, a proposed or existing energy generation facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board had previously initiated the adoption process per § 272-a of Town Law; and introduced Local Law No. 1 of 2026 on March 10, 2026, and now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Champlain does hereby adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2026, cited as the “Local Law Imposing a Twelve-Month Moratorium of Applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems, effective April 14, 2026 through April 14, 2027.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a roll call vote is carried to approve said resolution.

Motion to approve By, _____ Seconded By, _____

Council Member Southwick _____ Council Member Borrie _____
Council Member Hunter _____ Council Member Nevius _____
Supervisor Trombley _____

AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution acted upon by the Town of Champlain Board. Motion Carried, April 14, 2026.

Julie Castine, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN, NY

LOCAL LAW No. 1 of 2026

**A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS
FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be referred to as the “Local Law Imposing a Twelve-Month Moratorium of Applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems”

Section 2. Purpose and Intent

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Champlain to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town of Champlain hereby declares a twelve-month moratorium on applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems (BESS), also known as “Battery Farms”, and includes any Battery-Based Energy Storage System proposed as part of, or accessory to, a proposed or existing energy generation facility.

The Town of Champlain currently has four (4) Tier 3 (Large Scale) Solar Energy Facilities and has recently received an application for the construction of one more Large Scale solar Facility. Research into related developments in other areas of New York State has shown that battery-based energy storage facilities are often located near or within solar projects. The Town currently has no regulation for battery-based energy storage facilities.

The Integration of these commercial facilities, specifically within R Residential & RM Residential zones within the Town emphasizes the need for suitable siting, land use and zoning standards and controls to mitigate any potential negative impacts. Particularly, the Town would like to examine the placement of these facilities in areas where public water and sewer infrastructure are present but unutilized by such projects, thus decreasing the return on investment of this important public infrastructure.

The Town of Champlain desires to address, in a careful manner, the establishment, placement, or construction of Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems on a comprehensive Town-wide basis, rather than on an ad hoc basis, and to adopt provisions to specifically regulate the same.

TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN, NY

LOCAL LAW No. 1 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS
FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Section 3. **Scope of Controls**

- A. During the effective period of this Local Law:
1. The Town of Champlain shall not grant any approvals that would have as the result the establishment, placement, construction, or erection of any new Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Champlain.
 2. The Town of Champlain Planning Board shall not grant any preliminary or final approval to a subdivision plat, site plan, special use permit or other permit that would have as a result the establishment, placement, construction or erection of any new Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Champlain.
 3. The Town of Champlain Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant any variance or other permit for any use that would result in the establishment, placement, construction, or erection of any new Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Champlain.
 4. The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Champlain shall not issue any permit that would result in the establishment, placement, construction, or erection of any new Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Champlain.
- B. The Town of Champlain reserves the right to direct the Town of Champlain Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to revoke or rescind any building permits or certifications or occupancy issued in violation of this Local Law.

TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN, NY

LOCAL LAW No. 1 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS
FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Section 4. **Consideration of New Applications**

No applications for construction submitted after the adoption of this Local Law, affected by this Local Law or for approvals for a site plan, subdivision, variance, special use permit or other permits shall be considered by any board officer or agency of the Town of Champlain while this moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

Section 5. **Term**

The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of twelve months from the effective date of this Local Law April 14th, 2026 until April 14th, 2027.

Section 6. **Penalties**

Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish, place, construct, enlarge or erect any Battery-Based Energy Storage System in violation of the provisions of this Local Law or shall otherwise violate any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

- A. Such penalties as may otherwise be provided by applicable local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the Town of Champlain; and
- B. Injunctive relief in favor of the Town of Champlain to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this Local Law and, if necessary, to remove any construction that may have taken place in violation of this Local Law.

Section 7. **Validity**

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN, NY

LOCAL LAW No. 1 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS
FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Section 8. Hardship

- A. Should any owner of property affected by this Local Law suffer an unnecessary hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this Local Law, then the owner of said property may apply to the Town of Champlain in writing for a variation from strict compliance with this Local Law upon submission of proof of such unnecessary hardship. For the purposes of this Local Law, unnecessary hardship shall not be the mere delay in being permitted to make an application or waiting for a decision on the application for a variance, special permit, site plan, subdivision, or other permit during the term of the moratorium imposed by this Local Law.
- B. Procedure. Upon submission of a written application to the Town Clerk by the property owner seeking a variation of this Local Law, the Town of Champlain shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of said application, schedule a Public Hearing on said application upon fifteen (15) days written notice in the official newspaper of the Town of Champlain. At said Public Hearing, the property owner and any other parties wishing to present evidence with regard to the application shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the Town Board of the Town of Champlain shall, within fifteen (15) days of the close of said Public Hearing, render its decision either granting or denying the application for a variation from the strict requirements of this Local Law. If the Town of Champlain determines that a property owner will suffer an unnecessary hardship if this Local Law is strictly applied to a particular property, then the Town of Champlain shall vary the application of this Local Law to the minimum extent necessary to provide the property owner relief from strict compliance with this Local Law.

Section 9. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. Applications filed prior to the adoption of this Local Law by the Town Board shall not be affected by this Local Law.