

Meeting of the Charlemont Selectboard

Town Hall and Via phone Conference

Monday April 8 ,2024

Members Present: Valentine Reid, William Harker, and Jared Bellows

Others Present: Sarah Reynolds

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Administrator Report:

- 1) Warrant articles for town meeting were discussed. The school reverse 911 system changed to the full amount due to the surplus capital expense having to be returned as a check because of State Statutes. The school warrant submittal was also reformatted but no changes to the wording. Capital planning has met with Fire and Police so there will most likely be two additional articles after the Wednesday meeting with the Finance Committee. Infrastructure, bridges, and annual audit were approved by capital planning.
- 2) The Fire Truck earmark requests were submitted to Senator Markey, Senator Warren, and Congressman Neil, we will be updated as to whether our project was chosen to move forward.
- 3) Opioid Bankruptcy Notice from Endo international was discussed and the DLS has come out with guidelines about using special revenue funds as opposed to stabilization funds for opioid monies going forward.
- 4) Woodland Partnership grant was discussed – uses for parking signs, relining and re-curbings in front of the Tennis courts was discussed as well as Shun pike porta Potties, on a Motion by Valentine Reid and Second by Jared Bellows administrator will apply for porta potties.
- 5) Municipal Modernization handout was discussed, administrator pointed out statistics starting on page 8 and also discussion about local option choices concluded that the excise option was not one that the board saw Charlemont adopting.

Agenda:

- 1) FY 25 Budget – Collapsed lines for town meeting were reviewed, looked good, Veterans section could also be collapsed, Administrator to work with Carlene Hayden to add and have ready for Finance meeting on Wednesday.
- 2) The Warfield Road letter was discussed ahead of item number 1, Jared Bellows recommended painting of a yellow line so that the traffic was aware of lanes, this has been proven in studies to help with the speed. Also, a sign that there are no right turns at the bottom of the hill to help with the entrance onto Route 2. Rice Fort Road was also discussed with some follow up with the road residents about the portion of the road that is not town owned discussed. The board will discuss this again after some follow-up research.
- 3) The confidentiality agreement was not ready, so item 3 was skipped.
- 4) Selectboard annual town report was discussed, Valentine Reid was including items the board advocated for, sustainability and affordability of housing, Conversations with Rowe

about the Fire Chief/Fire District. The Recreation Grant items working on (Conway School). Valentine Reid also asked about taking a photo and dedication for the employee that had retired last year as was done previously, Jared Bellows to follow up.

- 5) Fee Schedule and suggested changes for Town Clerk fees was discussed. On a motion by Valentine Reid and Second by Jared Bellows fees would change as presented except for the Dog licenses all dogs will be \$5.00 and business certificates will remain the same at \$10.00. Agricultural 1 day liquor license will be free, and 1-day special liquor licenses will be \$50.
- 6) Police detail rate policy was discussed, the fees for the cruiser were also included in the rate discussion. This will be further discussed at the next meeting Valentine Reid to discuss vehicle fees with the police.

Approve /sign /approve and sign:

- 1) On a motion by Valentine Reid and Second by Jared Bellows AP warrant numbers 2439 and 2440 as well as PR warrants 2437 and 2438 were approved and signed.
- 2) Minutes were passed over (not ready for approval)
- 3) The alcohol license for Haven of the East holdings LLC DBA Dirt church was approved and signed on a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Jared Bellows
- 4) The vacation request from the assessor's clerk was approved on a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Jared Bellows.

On a motion by Valentine Reid and second By Jared Bellows the board entered executive session at 7:50 PM for reason number 7 – approval of executive session minutes, with the board not returning to open meeting after the executive session.

Items Viewed:

Town Clerk Fee Schedule.

Endo International Bankruptcy notice.

Letter RE Warfield Farm Proposed Glamping Project.

MTWP grant opportunity.

Municipal Empowerment Act April 2024.

Police Detail Rate Letter.

Email from assessor's secretary requesting vacation.

Budget copy for annual town meeting.

Haven of the East holdings LLC , DBA Dirt Church alcohol license