

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town of Charlemont
Goodnow Town Hall

April 10, 2023
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Select Board Chair Valentine Reid. Select Board member Jared Bellows and William Harker along with Administrator Sarah Reynolds, also attended the meeting. This meeting was conducted in person and via telephone conference.

1. Administrator reports:
 - The Town has received the grant for the EV stations. There are 4 stations for each site. The Grant paperwork will need to be signed within 30 days of receipt. National Grid will be submitting a report next week regarding the grid infrastructure for the stations. The Town will need to mark where the EV stations are to be placed. There is a Federal EV program for fast chargers that is allowed for the Route 2 corridor. This program allows the Town to partner with business owners. The program is 80% federally funded with 20% the responsibility of the business for the cost of the charger. Administrator Reynolds will contact business owners to see if they are interested.
 - Administrator Reynolds attended the April 1st MMA conference. Formulas have been changed for several different fundings from the Rural Planning Commission. The Commission would like the Town to write letters with pictures testifying to the Town's priorities. Mr. Reid feels the Town should also add solutions. The Board discussed the underfunded acres of State owned land in Town.
2. Bob Handsaker, Broad Band Chair attended the meeting to ask the Board to support the new 5-year contract with Whip City fiber. Mr. Handsaker stated that the Committee is satisfied with the contract. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Reid – yes, Mr. Bellows – yes, Mr. Harker – yes to support the contract.
3. Administrator reports continued.
 - The permits for the School Speed signs on Main Street are at the 25% phase. The signs will state 20 miles an hour when School is in session.
 - The Special Event Application should be updated. The Board supports simplifying the document. Updates to the document will be sent out for review.
 - The Transfer Station has been rearranged to fit a paper and cardboard compactor is the compactor can be obtained by a grant.
4. A new compost shed has been purchased and will be shared with the Town of Shelburne. Charlemont's share of the purchase will be expensed out of the RDP funds.

5. An updated draft of the Select Board Annual Town Report was submitted by Mr. Reid. The 2022 dedication of the Town Report will be created by the Administrator.
6. The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief will be invited to the next Select Board meeting to discuss succession planning.
7. A very rough draft of articles for the Annual Town Meeting were reviewed.
8. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Bellows – yes, Mr. Harker – yes, Mr. Reid – yes, to approve and approve and sign:
 - Vendors warrant 2338 for \$40,890.12 and 2337 for \$1,365.61.
 - Payroll warrant 2338 for \$12,535.61 and 2339 for \$12,728.18.
 - 3-13-23 Select Board minutes.
 - POST Police Chief Attestation of good moral character/fitness for employment.
9. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

Kathy A Reynolds
Executive Secretary

This document is to be considered a draft until signed by the Select Board.

Documents viewed by the Board:

Weekly warrants
Select Board minutes.
POST Police Chief Attestation
Draft Annual Town Meeting articles
Draft Select Board Annual Town Report
Whip City Fiber contract

