

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

February 28, 2022
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Select Board Chair Marguerite Willis. Select Board members Dan Girard and William Harker, along with Administrator Sarah Reynolds also attended the meeting. This meeting was conducted via telephone conference pursuant to the Governor's March 12, 2020, and consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to the Open Meeting Law suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

1. Administrator S Reynolds reported that the Planner sent over a report for review by the Board Administrator S Reynolds will be reaching out with questions. The Public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th at the Hawlemont School. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Input from the meeting will be added to the Planning report. Notices of the meeting will be posted on the Town website, Post Office, Avery's Store, Neighbors store and the newsletter.
2. Administrator S Reynolds reported that she has filed through the Shared Streets Grant for 4 speed signs and snow fighting equipment for sidewalks for a total of \$44,332.96. Notification of award will be in June.
3. Administrator S Reynolds reported that she has been receiving quotes to replace the Town telephone system. One quote was for \$1,320 to purchase 8 telephones. There is also a monthly charge for the telephone system.
4. The final Ambulance Service Zone Plan has been submitted.
5. Valentine Reid, Broadband Committee, attended the meeting to provide the Board with an update regarding the fiber optic project. Pole applications will connect Colrain with Charlemont for the network resiliency project. Colrain is the lead Town for the Community Compact Grant. Construction of the network continues.
6. Mr. Harker stated that he feels the Hawlemont School Committee does not know where they are. Ms Willis reported that the School has had deficiencies for years. Perhaps the Hawlemont School Committee is realizing they have a problem.
7. The Board reviewed 2 letters addressed to Senator Hinds and Representative Mark regarding issues facing rural schools. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, Mr. Harker – yes to approve the letter written by Finance Committee Chair Richard Filoramo. A follow up letter will be written that provides bullet points recognized in the letter written by Ms Willis.
8. The Board received information regarding the SAPHE 2.0 Bill that the FRCOG is asking for the Town to support. The Board questions if the Town be obligated to pay for the additional services after the grant runs out of funding. Mr. Harker will research the Bill further and report back at the next meeting.
9. Northampton Cycling Club is asking if the Town has any policies or thoughts regarding their bicycle race coming through Town on June 25, 2022. It was decided there are not any policies in place that would affect the race.

10. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, Mr. Harker – yes to schedule the following future meetings: March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23.
11. The Board reviewed their FY23 budget items and settled on amounts to request for their line items. The Board noted the request from the EMD to increase the salary to \$5,000.
12. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, Mr. Harker – yes to approve and sign:
 - Payroll warrant #2233 for \$11,706.22 and #2232 for \$11,709.57
 - Vendor warrant #2233 for \$51,406.48, #2232 for \$32,955.77 and #2231 for \$65,792.91
1. Business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

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

Documents reviewed by the Board.

Vendor and Payroll warrants
FY23 Select Board budget
Northampton Cycling Club request
Two letters regarding rural schools
Request to support SAPHE 2.0 bill

