

Minutes of the Charlemont Selectboard

Monday May 22, 2023

Town Hall and via phone conference

Present: Valentine Reid, Bill Harker, Jared Bellows and Sarah Reynolds

The Meeting was opened at 6:46 pm after Executive session.

Administrator Report

- 1) The draft of the new special event application was reviewed. The Select Board would like to review the insurance amounts- Valentine Reid to reach out to get the insurance binder will bring forward to a June meeting.
- 2) Reviewed the Proposals from O'Connor Real estate associates and Daly Appraisal Services, a third firm was contacted but did not send a proposal. The Select Board, on a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Bill Harker unanimously voted to accept the proposal by Daly Appraisal Service for \$12,000. The time frame for this project has the appraisals and takings starting in June and wrapping up by end of September, with project bidding to be ready by December.
- 3) EV update- There are four businesses interested in the grant Avery's, Neighbors, Cold River and Native Views, the timeline is now June 13th the application period has been extended.
- 4) The transfer station paper compactor quote has come in at \$26,117.00 it would pay for itself in 10 years. The grant Jan Ameen can pursue gives \$8,000 toward the compactor. The town can use DEP grant funds, there is \$21,321.87 in the fund, this would leave only \$3,000 in the fund until the next yearly award (usually around 5,000 done by points for the items the transfer station participates in (i.e., recycling, composting, swap shop etc.) The administrator still needs an electrician quote and will bring it back to a June meeting.
- 5) Muti Factor for emails was discussed and devices for those not wanting to use their personal devices. The option of a phone in town hall or something like a yubi key was discussed. The administrator will work with Valentine Reid and figure out the next steps.

Agenda Items:

- 1) The price list for the transfer station was discussed on a motion by Bill Harker and second by Valentine Reid the price list was unanimously approved. Administrator to add Date voted on and put the document up on the website.
- 2) On a motion by Jared Bellows and second by Bill Harker it was unanimously voted to make Douglas Annear the interim Fire Chief.
- 3) On a motion by Bill Harker and second By Jared Bellows the board unanimously approved allowing the Administrator to open and award the FY 24 propane and highway and equipment bids.
- 4) The Agricultural commission was discussed, there is a need for alternate members to ensure a quorum for meetings. The board will have the Agriculture Commission and interested alternates come to their next meeting so that they can appoint alternates and give the committee a chance to hold meetings with a quorum.

- 5) Summer Tourism was discussed, the sign at the beginning of Zoar Road about the no alcohol was mentioned, Jared Bellows will pursue a new one. Zoar picnic area was discussed, the trash and police details were discussed. The town will monitor what the picnic area looks like after the weekends to see if follow-up with Brookfield is needed. The administrator will reach out to have Brookfield notify the police chief if details are not filled for weekends. River mile marker signs were also discussed, the administrator will be working with the fire department to get the signs installed.
- 6) Mosquito spraying was discussed, administrator to follow up with Doug Telling, in the research that was done there is no mention of spraying dates.

Approve and Sign:

- 1) On a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Jared Bellows Payroll warrant 2345 and 2344 as well as Vendor warrant 2344 and 2343 were approved and signed.

On a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Jared bellows the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Documents Viewed:

Special event application draft

Transfer Station price list

Easement appraisal by O'Connor Real estate associates and Daly appraisal services.