

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

February 27, 2012
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The meeting was convened at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Winston Healy. Jean Brisson also attended the meeting.

1. The Warrants were signed.
2. Minutes were approved and signed.
3. The Special Town Meeting Warrants, scheduled for March 12, 2012 were signed.
4. The USDA letters to commercial establishments were signed.
5. Mr. Healy will draft a letter to Berkshire East in regards to its gift, describing Selectboard needs regarding purpose of the gift, administration of the gift, and fiscal responsibility for the gift.
6. Douglas Annear, Fire Department, came to the Board requesting an article to be placed upon the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Annear explained that the article will be to purchase a CO2 filling station to refill Scott air bottles.. The Fireman's Association will donate \$3,500 towards the purchase, with the Town to contribute \$5,500. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to place the requested article on the Warrant and to endorse the article.
7. Gisela Walker, Planning Board Chair, attended the meeting to suggest an Earth Removal bylaw and Board be created. Ms Walker was advised that both the bylaw and Board would need to be created by a Town vote.
8. Ms Walker explained that the Annual Town Meeting is so busy she would like to hold a Special Town Meeting solely for Zoning Bylaws and asked if the Board would support holding such a meeting. The Board noted that they would support the Planning Board.
9. Ms Walker questioned if the Planning Board rules and regulations must be reviewed by Town Counsel. Ms Walker was informed that Counsel approval was not required.
10. Ms Walker then presented a petition signed by East Oxbow Road and Windy Hill residents explaining and requesting the need for dirt road drainage and trenches. Mr. Healy explained that the Town does not intend to let the Road erode and is actually a high priority for the Highway Department's spring work. A copy of the petition will be forwarded to the Highway Superintendent.
11. Ms Walker submitted an article to be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant requesting funds for the Open Space Account. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to accept the article.
12. The Livery service meeting report was deferred.
13. Mr. Healy reported that the Town will be issued 4 Opticom device which will be loaned by the construction company hired for the 2 Route 2 bridge projects. Requests for the devices must be made by the Town at the pre-construction conferences.
14. The Board agreed that David Cunningham will be part of the FRCOG Emergency Preparedness Committee.
15. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, not to put out an RFP for River Livery Services. The Board will support anyone who steps forward and shows interest in doing what they can. The Board also discussed the Hawlemont Regional Elementary School as a option for picking up tubers.
16. Simon Dean, Chair of the Board of Assessors, attended the meeting to request a public announcement be made informing the public of the property inspections being conducted by their consultants. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to place a

public announcement as Mr. Dean requested.

17. The Board received the FY13 fuel bid survey from the FRCOG. The Executive Secretary was requested to collect all gasoline diesel, and number 2 fuel needs and submit them to the FRCOG.
18. The Board received a resume, BIO, and training from Michael Walsh in regards to the Emergency Management Director position. The documents will be forwarded to each Board member and the EMD position will be placed under action on the March 5th agenda.
19. The Board unanimously voted to approve the repairs to the ceiling in the Museum. The remainder of the third bill from Mowry and Schmidt, minus the \$9,000 retainer, was approved for payment.
20. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve for payment a Kopelman & Paige bill.
21. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to remove from Old Business agenda #7 – Over due bill, 3rd notice, #5 – Livery for River users, #18 – Irene debriefing follow up, and #13 – Hampshire Regional Council of Governments electricity.
22. Mr. Healy reported that the Accountant will bill the Town of Shelburne for their share of the Transfer Station bills.
23. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

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

List of documents reviewed by the Board

Warrants
Minutes
Special Town Meeting Warrants
USDA letters to commercial establishments
Planning Board request for a new bylaw and board.
East Oxbow Road petition
FY 13 Fuel bid survey from the FRCOG
Resume, BIO, training documents
Kopelman & Paige bill
Mowry & Schmidt bill