

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont**

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The meeting was convened at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Winston Healy. Jean Brisson and David Cunningham also attended the meeting.

1. Representative Paul Mark attended the meeting and explained that currently, both he and Gail Cariddi represent Charlemont which is now in the 2nd Berkshire District. The most effective way to contact Mr. Mark is through his e-mail. Representative Mark asked the Board if he might be of assistance with any specific issues.
2. Mr. Healy presented Representative Mark with a history of the issues arising in Town with regards to the influx of river users during the summer. Mr. Healy asked Representative Mark to support the Towns request for \$15,000 to assist with funding of the Police River Patrols. Representative Mark stated that he will be filing a budget amendment with Representative Cariddi requesting funding for the River Patrols.
3. As the Town is required to have a balanced budget by the end of the fiscal year, the Board expressed their concern to whether they will receive Tropical Storm Irene FEMA/MEMA funding by June 30.
4. Ms Brisson requested Representative Mark to research a bill for a small town exemption on paying prevailing wages for transfer station hauling.
5. The warrants were signed.
6. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and sign the minutes.
7. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to allow remote public meeting participation in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10, and that such participation is available to all Town public bodies subject to the Open Meeting Law.
8. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve, and the Chair to sign, the MOU for the FDA Health funding.
9. Mr. Healy reported that Ambulance Director Dana Johnson represented Charlemont at the Route 2 bridge pre-construction conference. CW Davenport, the company who won the bid for the 2 projects, has 4 Opticom devices to loan to the Town during construction. The devices available are portable and the cost of permanently installing one device is \$2,300.
10. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to allow Mr. Cunningham to negotiate with CW Davenport for 1 free permanent Opticom device in lieu of 4 rentals.
11. Mr. Healy reported that he has contacted the Treasurer in regards to property owners that have not paid a real estate tax bill for over 2 years. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to allow the Treasurer to work the Town Counsel to start the process of land court for vacant property owners who have not paid real estate taxes for over 2 years.
12. Mr. Healy reported that the Town has condemned a property that is unfit to live and that resident has moved out. Volunteers assisted with clearing the building of recyclables last weekend in order for the former resident to collect belongings. Mr. Healy is asking the Board to authorize payment for two of the dumpsters used. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to authorize payment by the Town under

- the Transfer Station budget for hauling two dumpsters.
13. Ivy Palmer presented the Board with an edited sex offender bylaw and asked that the bylaw be presented to Town Counsel for review and then be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to present the bylaw to Counsel for legality and opinion. Placement of the bylaw on the Warrant will be determined by Counsel's response.
 14. Webmaster Cheryl Handsaker attended the meeting to present the Board with a proposal for a new and improved website. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant in the amount of \$4,850, to fund the new website.
 15. Roy Schaefer came to the meeting to inform the Board that Berkshire East will support using \$2,500 of the Berkshire East Gift to fund a Planning Board Town plan. Berkshire East will also support using \$5,000 for clean up of the ball fields at the Hawlemont Elementary School.
 16. Fire Chief Ken Hall attended the meeting to request an article be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 training CD's. Mr. Hall explained that all firemen have taken the Fire Fighter 1 training and tests, but a newer version is on the market. Non of the firemen have taken the Fire Fighter 2 training. After discussion, it was agreed that Fire Fighter 2 is more urgently needed at this time. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to fund the purchase of Fighter Fighter 2 training CD's for \$2,500.
 17. Mr. Hall was requested to look at the Bissell Bridge plans to distinguish the type of fire alarm system that has been installed and to recommend if the Town should activate that system.
 18. Robert Handsaker request an article be placed upon the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for \$750.00 to fund a potential Wired West survey to residents regarding their interest in fiber optic internet service. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, to place the article on the Warrant.
 19. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, to approve and the Chair to sign the Mass. Broadband Network POI License Agreement.
 20. Mr. Healy stated that he will be working to develop a system or protocol to warn resident and department of rod closures.
 21. The Board received a request from the former residents of 279 Avery Brook Road to remove rhubarb and lilac plants at that address. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to allow the removal of the plants.
 22. The Board received a proposal to remove the barn at 279 Avery Brook Road, free of charge. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, not to accept the proposal.
 23. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to allow the Secretary to the Boards to take minutes of the Special Permit Hearing for Solar Panels, with pay, citing the M.G.L. Chapter 268A, Section 20.
 24. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and the Chair to sign the Municipal Electricity Aggregation Agreement with the Hampshire COG.
 25. Mr. Healy reported that the FRCOG Health Department will need an Oversight Board Representative from Charlemont, The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to appoint Robert Lingle to the position.
 26. Ms Brisson reported that the Treasurer is researching Treasurer software/services and will report

back to the Board with a recommendation.

27. Mr. Cunningham reported that he has scheduled a meeting for the Emergency Hazmat plan for April 5, 2012. He is still waiting for Committee members to reply.
28. Mr. Cunningham recommended Jerry Gosetti be appointed to the Use of Town Property Handbook Committee to replace Jean Brisson as the Park and Rec. representative. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to appoint Mr. Gosetti as recommended.
29. Mr. Healy requested the Board to accept a check of \$100 to the East Charlemont School Gift Account. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson -yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, to accept the donation. Mr. Healy recused himself from the vote.
30. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to pay a Kopelman and Paige bill.
31. The Board received a notice of an FCSA quarterly meeting. All stated they would be attending.
32. The Board received a card from Marguerite Willis stating her concerns regarding the Route 2 bridge replacements. The card and concerns were noted.
33. The Board requested the Executive Secretary to contact the Park & Recreation Commission and the 250 Committee to ask for minutes of their meeting from September 2011 to current.
34. Mr. Healy requested a protocol for closing roads be added to the long term business list.
35. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approve by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

LIST OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

Warrants
Minutes
FDA Health MOU
Draft sex offender bylaw
Website proposal
Mass. Broadband Network POI License Agreement
Request to remove plants from 279 Avery Brook Road
Proposal to remove the barn at 279 Avery Brook Road
Municipal Electricity Aggregation Agreement
East Charlemont School Gift of \$100
Kopelman and Paige bill
FCSA quarterly meeting notice
Card with written Route 2 construction concerns, MassDOT letter included