

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

August 27, 2012
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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jean Brisson. Vaughn Tower also attended the meeting.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. The Board received a request from the Hampshire Council of Governments to sign a petition supporting their Electricity Aggregation. As the petition is lengthy and due back before the next Board meeting, the Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to sign the petition pending review of the Executive Secretary.
3. The Board received an e-mail from Fire Chief Ken Hall stating South River Road residents and travelers have approached him regarding closures of that road without notice or signage. Ms Brisson stated that South River Road will have more temporary closures as the Highway Department continues working.
4. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, that once the Highway Department liaison receives the dates of South River Road closures, a Town wide telephone message will be sent and the proper signage will be placed. Mr. Tower will inform the Fire Chief of the Selectmen's vote.
5. The Board reviewed a letter from Democratic Town Committee member Marguerite Noga asking to be appointed an Election Officer. Upon the recommendation of the Town Clerk, the Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to appoint Ms Noga an Election Officer.
6. Upon receiving a draft letter to Ms Noga regarding her appointment and election officer assignment of hours and position for the September 6th elections, the Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to approve and sign the letter.
7. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes to requested the Executive Secretary invite the new accountant to a meet and greet during a Selectmen's meeting.
8. The Executive Secretary submitted correspondence from the Franklin County Tech School regarding their role in busing Charlemont's Tech School students. The Tech School will start the 2012/2013 school year transporting the students, but strongly suggests the Town have a back up plan if the Tech finds it can no longer provide the transportation.
9. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to request the Executive Secretary research Tech busing options and submit them to the Board.
10. The Executive Secretary asked the Board for clarification regarding the scheduled All Board Meeting. All Boards and Departments will be invited. A memo will be drafted and distributed asking for agenda items to be sent to the Selectmen's office within a month. The Town Attorney will be invited to give a workshop. The venue for the Meeting to be determined.
11. Denny Fuller, 152 Tower Road, came to the meeting to discuss the neighboring property where a camper trailer is housed. Mr. Fuller explained that he has never received a definitive answer from the Board of Health regarding the need for a permit for the trailer. Mr. Fuller would like to know if the trailer requires a permit. Mr. Fuller is also concerned that the smell of raw sewerage from improper disposal will return in the future.
12. Mr. Tower reminded Mr. Fuller that the Board of Health has visited the neighboring property 7 times and have not found illegal dumping of sewerage. Mr. Fuller stated that the sewerage has not been an issue so far this year, but worries that it may become problematic in the future.

13. Mr. Tower reminded Mr. Fuller that if the camper trailer required a permit, the Board of Health would have informed the owners during one of their site visits.
14. Mr. Fuller reported that he has appeared before the Planning Board regarding the need for a camper trailer permit. The Planning Board informed Mr. Fuller that there are not zoning laws stating a permit is necessary.
15. After lengthy discussion, the Selectmen volunteered to write to the Board of Health asking two questions. Question #1: Is it legal for two trailers to be stored/utilized on a private property in the Town of Charlemont? Question #2: What types of permits are necessary through the Board of Health if a property owner parks a camper trailer on their property and uses the trailer for camping purposes from time to time? The letter will ask for the answers in writing and will be signed by the Executive Secretary for the Board of Selectmen.
16. The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to reschedule the Special Town Meeting to October 29, 2012.
17. The Board received a workshop notice from the DCR.
18. The Board received a Chapter 40B training notice.
19. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to approve for payment a Kopelman & Paige bill.
20. The Board received and injury report from a law firm for an accident in the Leavitt Cemetery. As the Cemetery is owned by the Leavitt Cemetery Association, the Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to forward the notice to the Leavitt Cemetery Association with a copy to the Charlemont Cemetery Committee.
21. The Selectmen received a FCSA quarterly meeting notice.
22. The Board received and noted an update from the Charlemont Emergency Management Director.
23. The Board discussed the South River Road repairs. It was agreed that during the repairs, the Town will notify residents and the railroad.
24. The Board received a draft letter to the Family of Sherman Pike recognizing Mr. Pike for his service to the Town and conveying the Selectmen's condolences. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to approve and sign the letter.
25. The Board received a request from the Town Clerk to appoint a list of Election Officers for the fiscal year 2013. the Board unanimously voted, Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to appoint the Election Officers as listed.
26. The Town Clerk reported that she received a call from the State Elections Division regarding a complaint they had received from a Charlemont resident. The resident claimed the Clerk's office was not open during the special voter registration hours required on August 17th. The Clerk reported that the complaint was inaccurate.
27. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

List of documents reviewed by the Board.

Warrants
Hampshire council of Governments petition request
Road closure e-mail from the Fire Chief
Request for appointment from a Democratic Town Committee member
Letter in response to the Democratic Town Committee request for appointment
Charlemont Tech student busing information
DCR workshop notice
Chapter 40B training notice
Kopelman & Paige bill
Leavitt Cemetery injury report
FCSA quarterly meeting notice
Update from the EMD
Letter to the Family of Sherman Pike
Election Officer appoint request