

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

August 28, 2013  
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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman David Cunningham. Vaughn Tower also attended the meeting. Also in attendance were: Greg Dekoschak, Stephen Reynolds, Ryan Martin, Kristin Shippee, and Sarah Reynolds.

1. The Board received a request from Fire Chief Douglas Annear to appoint new members to the Fire Department. It was noted that Greg Dekoschak was representing Chief Annear at this meeting.
2. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to appoint Ken Hall, Melissa Dekoschak, Edward Ellsworth, Barry Purinton, and Kristin Shippee to the Fire Department. It was agreed that these members were not required to attend the meeting as they are returning Fire Fighters.
3. Ryan Martin was asked why he wanted to join the Fire Department. Mr. Martin explained that he was on the Leyden and Shelburne Falls Fire Departments and as he now lives in Charlemont he would like to continue being a Fire Fighter in Charlemont. Mr. Martin explained that he is in the process of the Fire Fighter 1 & 2 training.
4. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to appoint Ryan Martin to the Fire Department.
5. Sarah Reynolds was asked why she wanted to join the Fire Department. Ms S. Reynolds explained that although she will not be running into burning structures, she will be responsible for the Fire Department's accountability. Ms S. Reynolds stated that she will be taking Fire Fighter 1 & 2 training.
6. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to appoint Sarah Reynolds to the Fire Department.
7. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with Jeanie. Crowningshield and Lisa Greaney on September 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. for a meet and greet before it is decided to appoint them to the Fire Department.
8. Mr. Cunningham stated that he feels it is refreshing and exciting to appoint 8 new members to the Fire Department. Mr. Cunningham stated that the Fire Department has 100% support from the Selectboard and offered the Department assistance if necessary.
9. Mr. Dekoschak reported that the Fire Fighters are showing up for training sessions and most of the continuous members are trained in Fire fighter 2. Water rescue training with other Town Departments will take place this weekend and training on the Town owned Avery Brook Road property is held on Tuesdays. Vehicle maintenance is up to date but he explorer has seen better days.
10. The Town Clerk qualified for office the Fire Fighters that were in attendance.
11. Mr. Cunningham reported that the Assistant Transfer Station Attendant Rebecca Brisson has given her resignation, effective September 4, 2013.
12. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Cunningham – yes, Mr. Tower – yes, to advertise for this position by a 3 day help wanted ad in the Greenfield Recorder newspaper and posting on the home page of the Town website. Letters of interest will be accepted up to Saturday, September 14, 2013.
13. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:  
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds  
Executive Secretary

List of documents reviewed by the Board  
Fire Department request for appointments  
E-mailed resignation notice

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