

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont
Town Hall meeting room

December 30, 2013
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The meeting was convened at 7:05 P.M. by Acting Chair Vaughn Tower. Beth Bandy also attended the meeting. Chairman David Cunningham was absent.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve and sign the 12-16-13 minutes with one edit.
3. The Board reviewed an e-mail from the FRHA regarding the CDBG hearing dates and Community Development Strategy. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to defer this item until the full Board meets on January 6th.
4. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve and sign a letter to the DEP regarding the recent Old Burn Dump water testing.
5. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve and sign a letter to the Department of Public Safety regarding their invoice of last fiscal year.
6. The Obstruction of Town Layout letters were held until the January 6th meeting.
7. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve and sign the end of the year ABCC reports.
8. The Board took no action regarding an e-mail from the 250 Committee Chair's request for a raffle permit. The e-mail will be placed under action on the January 6th agenda.
9. The Board received a letter from Sargent Clay Herbert that gave his opinion regarding river patrol funding. A letter responding to Sargent Herbert's input will be drafted.
10. An invitation to a retirement celebration for Town Attorney Leonard Kopelman was noted.
11. The Board received a list of Town charge accounts held by Avery's store. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to contact each department on the list see if the account is still used and to obtain authorized user and contact information.
12. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve and sign an edited response letter to the Friends of the Fairgrounds. The letter will not be sent to the Friends until Chairman Cunningham has had a chance to sign the letter.
13. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve for payment a Kopelman and Paige bill.
14. The Board received a request from Gordon Hathaway to serve on the personnel handbook work group. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to appoint Mr. Hathaway to the work group.
15. A resignation letter from Lawrence Mann, resigning from all Committees and Commissions served, was received. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to regretfully accept the resignation. A letter thanking Mr. Mann for his service will be drafted.
16. The Board received an e-mail from Planning Board Chair Gisela Walker stating that the Planning Board would like to request technical assistance from the FRCOG for the Village, Marijuana and Earth Removal bylaws. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to endorse the request and encourage the Planning Board to submit this request directly to the FRCOG Planning Department.
17. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. in order to hold a pole hearing for Avery Brook Road upon the request of National Grid and Verizon. Bonnie Brown, representative from National

Grid and abutters Kenneth and Jeanie Juckett were also in attendance. The Juckett's reviewed the map and received information regarding exactly where the new pole will be placed. It was suggested the National Grid contact name and telephone numbers be included on the notices sent to the abutters.

18. No one in attendance contested the pole placement.
19. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to approve and sign the pole location petition. The hearing was closed at 8:20 P.M.
20. Ms Bandy reported that Park Commissioner Sarah Reynolds spoke with her about a request for information that was filed with the Park and Recreation Commission. Although the request was fulfilled, Ms S. Reynolds expressed concern regarding the request. Ms Bandy produced copies of the request and copies of the documents that were requested. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Tower – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, to invite the Park and Recreation Commission or their representative to the January 6th Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Park's concerns and discuss the process of handling requests for information.
21. The invitation to the Park and Recreation Commission will include a discussion of potential winter activities at the Fairgrounds.
22. Mr. Tower stated that he would like the Highway Department to snowplow to the Exhibition Hall and the track at the Fairgrounds for safety and winter use of the property.
23. Mr. Tower requested the Tree Warden Stephen Reynolds be invited to the January 6th meeting to discuss removal of the tress at the Town owned Whipple Cemetery.
24. Mr. Tower reported that the meeting held that afternoon regarding the water hydrant system went well. Closure of the system may be included in the 2015 Block Grant. The dam should be repaired and will need to be named, registered and categorized. Mr. Tower reported that he now has a complete map of the system.
25. Mr. Tower questioned the Executive Secretary if the yearly permits issued by the Selectmen for Berkshire East were approved. The Secretary replied that the permits for Berkshire East were approved by the Selectmen and have been distributed.
26. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

List of documents reviewed by the Board

Warrants	12-16-13 minutes
FRHA CDBG hearing e-mail	Old Burn Dump letter to DEP
Letter to the Dept. of Public Safety	3 Obstruction of Town Layout letters
ABCC yearend reports	E-mail from 250 Comm. Chair
Letter from Sargent Clay Herbert	Invitation to a retirement celebration
Letter of response to the FOF	Kopelman & Paige bill
Request to serve from Gordon Hathaway	Resignation letter from Lawrence Mann
Technical Assistance request e-mail	Pole Hearing petition documents
Request for information and requested documents	

