

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD'S MEETING

Town of Charlemont

Town Hall

9:00 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chair Sarah Reynolds. Select Board members Beth Bandy and Marguerite Willis also attended the meeting. Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) Members Tina Cote, Rawley Caine, Molly Morin, and Michael Perreault also attended the meeting.

The FRTA members took a ride around Charlemont looking for potential bus stop sites before attending the meeting. Areas visited were the railroad crossing, Green Garage, Highway Department, Federated Church. The Federated Church parking lot area is not an ideal site as construction is happening.

In Charlemont the elderly, veterans, employees use the FRTA bus for work, shipping, doctor appointments. The FRTA made 900 trips to Charlemont in the last month.

The FRTA is not running a deficit but if funding is cut, services will be changed. The bus route in Charlemont sustains itself and ridership is better than it was 5 to 6 years ago. The bus will no longer be stopping at the Post Office. Stops at the Federated and Catholic Church's will meet the needs of the FRTA but a place to turn around will need to be found.

The FRTA would like permission to turn around in the Fire Department-Highway Department driveways on Factory Road. The bus will be turning around 4 times a day on the following schedule: 7:50 A.M., 11:40 A.M., 3:30 P.M., and 5:40 P.M.

The Select Board voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms Willis – nay, to allow the FRTA to use Factory Road as a bus turn around site.

The Board will notify the Highway Department, Police Department, Ambulance Department and Fire Department that the FRTA will be using Factory Road to turn around and of the schedule.

Ms Willis questioned the amount that Charlemont is assessed for FRTA services. The Town pays 22% of the budget with the remaining amount coming from Federal and other funds.

Beginning September 4th, bus services will change, longer routes will be provided. The FRTA will contact the Town if they find ridership changes. The town will also be notified if the bus schedule changes.

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Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Respectfully transcribed

Approved by:

Charlemont Select Board

Kathy A. Reynolds

Executive Secretary