

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town of Charlemont
Goodnow Town Hall

June 17, 2019
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Sarah Reynolds. Select Board member Marguerite Willis and Jay Healy also attended the meeting.

1. The Broadband Committee attended the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Broadband is going to apply for a ReConnect Broadband Grant which is due by Friday. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to authorize Cheryl Handsaker to sign and submit the grant. Certification from Town Council that the Town is eligible for the grant will cost \$200. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve contacting Town Council for the needed certification with the \$200 fee to be expended out of Broadband funds. Other necessary documents for the grant will be provided to Ms Handsaker. A discussion and decision regarding underground or overhead conduit on Heath Stage Terrace will need to be made soon.
2. Ambulance Director Dana Johnson introduced Hussain Hamdan to the Board. Mr. Hamdan would like to be appointed EMT. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to appoint Hussain Hamdan, along with a list of other EMTs to the Ambulance Department.
3. Ms Willis reported that the Ambulance Department requested the purchase of ballistic vests in FY 20. Unfortunately, Ms Willis stated that she forgot to add the cost of the vests in the Ambulance budget. An article to purchase ballistic vests for the ambulance department will be on the special town meeting warrant scheduled in the fall.
4. Ambulance Director Dana Johnson submitted comments and his opinion regarding the Hilltown Theater using the ballfields at Hawlemont for their activities this summer. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to authorize the Executive Secretary contact Hilltown Theater to see if the entire event could be held at Berkshire East. Due to emergency helicopters using the ball fields it would be preferred the event take place elsewhere.
5. Ambulance Director Dana Johnson reported that the ambulance vehicle had repairs costing over \$6,000 which will cause his budget to go into a deficit.
6. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to approve and sign the Chapter 90 paperwork submitted by the Highway Superintendent.
7. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to accept a donation from Zoar Outdoor of \$1,000 for river patrols. A thank you letter will be sent to Zoar Outdoor for this donation.
8. The Board was reminded that a meeting on August 12th at 4:00 P.M. has been scheduled with Senator Hinds and Representative Paul Mark.

9. The Board reviewed an e-mail message stating that names on military honor roll memorial at the Town Hall are incorrect. Ms Willis will contact Lewis Porrovecchio for information regarding the names on the memorial.
10. The Board received several copies of delinquent bills for the Fire Department. Ms S Reynolds, liaison to the Fire Department, will speak with the Fire Chief regarding the status of the bills.
11. Ms Willis reported on a meeting regarding electricity aggregation. The Board agreed that they have no objection to bio-mass energy.
12. Robo calls will be made to inform residents of the new zoning bylaw information meetings that will be scheduled by the Planning Board.
13. The Board received an e-mail from a resident on North River Road who reported DCR is purchasing the 4-mile square vacant land on North River Road. Concerns stated by the resident are: creating of a parking lot, garbage clean up, open campfires. Ms Willis will follow up with Senator Hinds and Representative Paul Mark regarding this purchase and what plans DCR has for this property.
14. Ms Willis will review the Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant Program.
15. The Board received a list of yearly appointments. After review, the Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to appoint all on the list as presented.
16. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to reappoint Robert Lingle to the Conservation Commission and to appoint Justin Maynard to the Commission as well. Charles Ricko was appointed to the Commission and will become a member when William Harker submits his resignation.
17. The Board took no action on a letter regarding the Charlemont Inn as the Board of Health has responded.
18. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and sign:
 - Payroll warrants #1950 for \$12,516.51, #1949 for \$21,055.08
 - Vendor warrants # 1950 for \$26,186.67 and #1949 for \$13,942.69
 - A letter supporting the Town of Heath's STRAP Grant
 - MOU with the Franklin County Solid Waste District for hauling services
 - 1-day liquor license for the Deerfield Fest at the Fairgrounds
19. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve the Deerfield Fest Special Event Application.
20. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to recognize the Flag Committee for placing the flags along Main Street and Susan Annear for her longevity with the Ambulance Department. Thank you cards/letters will be sent.
21. The Building Inspector sent to the Board a letter to a resident on Tea Street Extension. The letter states that the property/property owner is not permitted for

the activities that are occurring and refers the property owner to the Planning Board to obtain the required permits.

22. Tony Walker will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the pointing of the Town Hall project.
23. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds- yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to schedule regular meetings on August 12 and August 26.
24. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

This document is to be considered a draft until approved and signed by the Select Board.

Document viewed by the Board

Ambulance Director's opinion regarding use of ball fields
Chapter 90 forms
Zoar Outdoor donation
Military honor roll message
Fire Department bills
North River Road e-mail
Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant Program.
Yearly appointment lists
Charlemont Inn letter
Payroll and vendor warrants
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