

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

August 24, 2020
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Marguerite Willis. Select Board member Sarah Reynolds also attended the meeting. This meeting was conducted via telephone conference pursuant to the Governor's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

1. Bob Handsaker, Broad Band Committee Chair, stated that a certificate of insurance for the long bridge is no longer needed.
2. The Pole Hearing to place poles on Warner Hill Road is scheduled for Sept. 8th at 7:15 P.M.
3. Mr. Handsaker reported that the State is providing an additional internet hot spot., The Committee is currently discussing installing the hot spot at Hawlemont and is also looking at installation at the Fairgrounds.
4. Mr. Handsaker reported that based on receipts, the Committee will need to do the first borrowing for the Network project.
5. Jay Healy, former Select Board member, stated that he is willing to continue to be the Broad Band liaison. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis- yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to accept Mr. Healy's offer but reminded Mr. Healy he is not an Official.
6. The Pole Hearing for Hawk Hill Road was opened at 7:15 P.M. The poles to be installed are for the Network Project. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to approve the request. The Hearing adjourned at 7:23 P.M.
7. Ms Willis reported that the owners of the Cold River Café are having tenant issues regarding alcohol and have their own lawyer working towards a resolve of these issues.
8. Ms Willis reported that the Board of Health will be pursuing issues at 176 Main Street regarding animals and well contamination. The Hay program at the Hawlemont School will offer to keep the animals in question at the School.
9. The Town of Buckland is asking for a letter of support for their MassWorks grant to repair Charlemont Road, The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to approve and sign the letter.
10. Upon the request of the Fire Chief/EMD, the Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis- yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to approve and sign a letter to National Grid summarizing the problems firefighters are facing during and after storms.
11. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to appoint William Harker to the Conservation Commission.
12. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to appoint Neil Newhauser to the vacant Parks & Recreation Commission.
13. It was agreed that the Select Board will need a meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss holding a Special Town Meeting.

14. Ms Willis reported that she is working on an ADA Grant for an engineering study on the Town Hall to allow use of the second floor.
15. Ms S Reynolds reported that the Town Laptop holds grant information, directions regarding the alarm systems and personal files.
16. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, to approve and sign:
 - Payroll warrants #2104 for \$24,586.82, #2105 for \$12,920.07
 - Vendor warrants #2105 for \$74,191.83, #2106 for \$1,603.74
 - Minutes for the 6-28-20 and 7-13-20 meetings
17. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully transcribed

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

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Documents viewed by the Board

Hawk Hill Road pole hearing
Request for a letter of support from the Town of Buckland
Letter to National Grid
Warrants
Minutes