

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Sarah Reynolds. Select Board member Marguerite Willis and Jay Healy 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. The Board met with the Finance Committee to vote the recommended end of the year financial transfers submitted by the Town Accountant. The Accounts with a deficit were: Selectman, Treasurer, Legal, Zoning, Fire, Highway, Winter Road, Library, FRCOG Assessments, Workers Comp. Insurance and Medicare totaling \$88,422.88. The Accountant recommended transferring from Administrator (\$59, 510.52) and Franklin Technical (\$28,912.36) accounts, totaling \$88,422.88 to cover the deficit accounts. The Select Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis - yes, Mr. Healy – yes voted to conduct the transfers as recommended by the Accountant.
2. The Board and Finance Committee discussed FY 21 budget items.
3. Bob Handsaker, Broad Band Committee Chair, stated the Committee wants the Select Board to make a decision regarding aerial or underground conduit on Heath Stage Terrace. Although the utilities on this road are all underground, to install the conduit underground, it will cost approximately \$27,000 more than the aerial solution.
4. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve the underground installation and to sign the contract for the installation.
5. There will be a meeting with National Grid on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.at the Fairgrounds to discuss Hawk Hill Road.
6. Ms S Reynolds was reminded to sign the Warner Hill Road contract with Daneck Excavating. The Board unanimously voted, , Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and sign the Indefeasible Right to Use Agreement with the Town of Rowe for use of fiber optic facilities.
7. .The Board unanimously voted, , Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to allow the fiber optic room to be connected to the Town Hall smoke alarm.
8. It was noted that additional paperwork is required for the Town Hall generator grant. Ms S Reynolds will meet with EMD Dennis Annear for an update on this project.
9. Trevor Mackie, Broad Band Committee asked if the Laurel Lane bridge project will affect the Broad band project. The bridge project will entail moving telephone poles temporarily and putting them back in place after the project.
10. Terri Rutherford was recognized at 7:15 P.M. Ms Rutherford who resides on North River Road, explained that she has approached the Board last year and the issues are continuing if not accelerating. An insane amount of people is congregating at 4 Mile

square with the cars parking along the blind side of Norther River Road causing very hazardous conditions. Ms Rutherford is requesting No Parking Signs installed on the

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blind corner. Ms Rutherford explained further that there is a large influx of nudist on the 4 Mile Square property. The Board explained that the entire Town experienced extremely large amounts of tourists using the Deerfield River over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, leaving trash and overwhelming Town services.

11. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to consult with Town Counsel regarding the legality of placing the no parking signs and consulting with the Police Department regarding additional patrol/ticketing on North River Road.
12. Jan Ameen, Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, was recognized at 7:30 P.M. Ms Ameen attended the meeting to explain an Attorney bill the Town received from the District. Ms Ameen stated that the legal bill is for the efforts of the District to prevent prevailing wage rates for truck hauling. In 2012 the State agreed to a curbside wage rate for hauling, not construction rate. In 2019 the State change the wage rate back to the higher construction rate. The District filed an appeal, which the State denied. The District then appealed to Superior Court. The bill went to each Town in the District for legal expenses to keep the hauling rates to a reasonable amount.
13. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to rescind their previous vote to not pay the legal bill and to pay the bill.
14. The Conservation Commission requested the Board to vote hire a wetlands consultant and to vote the consultant as a special Town employee. Mr. Healy stated he wanted to know more about this request. The Board voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis - yes, Mr. Healy – no, to hire a wetlands consultant with the consultant a special town employee.
15. The Board received the Tea Street Solar PILOT Agreement from the Assessor's office. The Assessor's are asking for the Agreement to be reviewed by Town Counsel. The board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, not to send the Agreement to Counsel for review, to approve and sign the Agreement.
16. Ms Willis will follow up regarding Mad River's Solar proposal for a solar array on Town property.
17. The Board discussed the number of people authorized to work at the Transfer Station to the number of people who are actually working. The Board will schedule an executive session with the Transfer Station Attendant on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. to discuss Transfer Statin employees.
18. Ms Willis will consult the Executive Secretary/Town Clerk and Secretary to the Boards to discuss how to man the Town Hall during the 1/12 budget.
19. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and sign the Laurel Lane National Grid temporary movement of poles agreement during the Laurel Lane bridge construction.

20. The Board received an e-mail from Frank Mooney, Crab Apple Whitewater owner, that provides the Board with the issues his business encountered over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

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21. The Board will discuss moving forward with a new website after Town Meeting.
22. A robo call and at flashing electric sign will be used to notify residents of the upcoming Town Meeting.
23. Paul Mervine has volunteered to assist the Town with finding the proper telephone system for the Town Hall and other Town Buildings. The Board will contact Mr. Mervine later in the year to accept his services.
24. Ms Willis will set up a meeting with the new Mohawk Trail Regional School District Superintendent.
25. An e-mail from a resident regarding a denial of a student's application to the Franklin County Tech School will be forwarded to the Mohawk Trial Regional School District's interim superintendent Pat Bell.
26. Todd Gerry has been volunteering to mow the Town Hall lawn for over a year. The Board received notice that Mr. Gerry can not longer continue with the mowing. Maintaining the Town Hall lawn now reverts back to the Town Hall Custodian.
27. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis -yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve/approve and sign;
  - Vendor warrant #5052 for \$19,265.65, #2053 for \$7,769.50, #2010 for \$11,245.95
  - Payroll warrant #2051 for \$31,333.79, #2052 for \$51,718.91
  - Vacation time requested by the Executive Secretary/Town Clerk
  - Request to carry over into the new fiscal year 12 hours of vacation time
  - Town Meeting Warrants
28. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully transcribed

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.

Documents viewed by the Board  
Town Meeting Warrants

Request to carry over vacation time  
Request for vacation  
Vendor and payroll warrants

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Notice from Todd Gerry regarding lawn mowing  
E-mail regarding denial of a tech school application  
E-mail from Frank Mooney  
National Grid temporary movement of poles agreement  
Tea Street Solar PILOT Agreement  
Conservation Commission request  
Underground conduit installation contract  
End of the year transfer request from the Accountant