

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

June 9, 2021
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Marguerite Willis. Select Board member Daniel Girard and Administrator 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, reported that the fiber optic project is on schedule and on budget. The Committee has obtained an insurance quote of which the Committee is satisfied. The insurance will be in force as of July 1, 2021. Administrator S Reynolds will continue as the Broad Band Committee liaison.
2. Administrator Reynolds reported that the MassWorks Grant for the 8A North Road project has been submitted. The height of the wires on the poles at the project site may need to be increased but no poles need to be moved.
3. Administrator Reynolds reported that the next MassWorks Grant will be for upgrades and to bring up to standards private roads created by sub-divisions.
4. Emily Boss, Franklin Land Trust, attended the meeting to request the Board to approve of 5 Conservation Restrictions. The property owners of the restrictions are John and Ellen Miller, John Sargent, Trustee of the John Sargent Trust, CLG Solar LLC, Jean-Claude van Itallie, Carla La Grassa, The Franklin Land Trust will hold the restrictions. Hiking trails and potential solar fields were discussed. Property tax will not be reduced by the restrictions. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willi – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, to approve and sign the restrictions.
5. Marc Massey attended the meeting to discuss bringing Salvation Army services to Charlemont. Administrator Reynolds stated that Good Neighbors is set up to facilitate these services and they have agreed to work with the Salvation Army. The Board agreed that Good Neighbors is the right entity to help.
6. Administrator Reynolds stated that the Highway Super has found a curb cut violation on Hawk Hill Road and possibly another. A letter has been drafted to the Hawk Hill property owner. Chair Marguerite Willis will sign the letter.
7. Administrator Reynolds reported that the Free Store building at the Transfer Station is in need of repair. Water is getting into the building through the roof and the wood building is being destroyed. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willi – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, to authorize the Administrator to obtain estimates for the repairs if the Recycling Funds can be used for the repairs.
8. Administrator Reynolds reported that the Broad Band subsidy will cover the cost of the installation of the fiber network to the Fire and Highway buildings.
9. Administrator Reynolds reported that the Highway Superintendent has found 2 old sander bodies that are basically scrap metal. Highway would like to hire a

- dumpster to scrap the metal. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willi – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, to deem the sanders as surplus to be scrapped.
10. Administrator Reynolds reported that the Long Bridge was patched with hot tar and MassDOT is discussing doing a more permanent deck fix at the end of the Route 2 Traffic Calming project.
 11. Administrator Reynolds reported that the Tower Road bridge repair is scheduled to be completed July 2022.
 12. Administrator Reynolds reported that the emergency radios from the FRCOG have been received for EMS and Police. Some of the Police radios needed antennas and some had to be sent back. The radios for the Fire Department have not been received.
 13. Ms Willis reported that she has been attending the Planning Board hearings which have been very challenging.
 14. Ms Willis reported that Mr. Girard will be the liaison to the Police, Fire, EMS, Highway and EMD.
 15. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willi – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, to rescind the Town emergency COVID 19 order to align with the Governor’s recent lifting of the State of Emergency order.
 16. The Board received a letter of resignation from Select Board member Elizabeth VanInderstine. A letter accepting the resignation and wishing Ms VanInderstine the best will be drafted and signed by the Chair.
 17. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willi – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, to hold a Special Election to fill the vacant Select Board seat on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from noon to 7 pm at the Hawlemont Elementary School.
 18. The Board will re-organize after the Special Election.
 19. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Girard – yes, to approve and sign:
 - Payroll warrant #2145 for \$26,884.05, #2146 for \$12,985.10., #2147 for \$27,281.04.
 - Vendor warrants #2148 for \$14,294.66, #2146 for \$112,458.190, #2147 for \$67,314.79.
 - 4-20-21,5-17-21, 3-22-21, 3-22-21, 3-24-21, 4-28-21 meeting minutes.
 - Bone Frog Special Event Application
 - KP Law invoice
 - Thank you letters to S. Reynolds and T. Cashin
 20. The Board recognized Jerry DuPree and his helper for hanging up flags along Main Street and placing flags in the Town cemeteries.
 21. Ms Willis recognized a letter from Bill and Norma Coli and read the following statement: “Mr. Coli is entitled to his opinions; however, his words imply improprieties as he also did this past January. It is incumbent upon him and/or Ellie to write a complaint letter to the Ethics Commission if they believe wrongful actions were done by this current and two previous Selects.”
1. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.

Warrants
Meeting minutes
Curb Cut violation letter.
Letter of resignation
E-mail letter
Conservation restrictions