

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 3/26/15**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held March 26, 2015. Attending: Larry Young, Dean Bennett, Tom Jensen, Bernie Pepin, Colleen Kellogg and Mark Kelley of Efficiency Vermont.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of the March 12th meeting were read and approved as read.

Ongoing Business

Discussion of PACE district setup—tabled from 3/12 meeting. Mark Kelley of Efficiency Vermont described the program: PACE provides loans for energy efficiency improvements—generally starts with energy audit, insulation, tightening up of building envelope, but can also be used for renewables like solar photovoltaics. Contractor must be certified, but there is also a DIY option. Begins with an energy audit, which can cost \$100-\$400. PACE is designed to cost the Town nothing; property owner is responsible for recording lien document, town verifies taxes paid, Efficiency Vermont can administer program on the town's behalf. Opportunities Credit Union manages the loan, statements, and payments—doesn't go through the town at all. Currently, all application fees are waived. Lower financing rates available for lower income—as low as 0% interest. In the event of a tax sale, any proceeds go first to the town, then toward any mortgage, then PACE—new owner assumes PACE loan but not payments in arrears. Next step is to sign and return adoption documents. Interested homeowners should be referred to program specialist Tara Bartlik, who can also do a community information session. Tom move to adopt PACE and have Efficiency Vermont administer the program, seconded by Dean and approved.

Tom reported that implementation of a 35MPH speed limit on the 5.4 mile Hudson Rd will require 16 signs between .5 and .8 miles apart. A traffic study done previously supports the limit, so no further study is needed. The signs and posts have been ordered.

Tom is making progress on paperwork needed for state highway assistance. Details of Cole Rd work have been sent to contractors for bidding.

Following up on complaint letter from Twin Bridges Road residents, Attorney Bill Davies was present to discuss statute regarding the town right of way and drainage.

New Business

Grace Frizzell submitted a letter requesting a delinquent tax deadline of June 1st, at which time any remaining delinquent taxes will be turned over to the town attorney for tax sale. Tom moved to approve a June 1st deadline, seconded by Dean and approved.

Colleen presented a revised version of the employee wellness stipend policy. Selectboard will discuss it with the road crew before final signature.

Remberto Margolla requested a prorated wellness stipend for his first half month of work. Dean moved to approve, seconded by Tom and approved.

Road Report

Roads are muddy. Clark Jeffers is lined up to crush gravel.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55. The next meeting is April 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Selectmen, Town of Charleston