

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 4/23/15**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held April 23, 2015. Attending: Larry Young, Dean Bennett, Tom Jensen, Bernie Pepin, Penelope Newcomb, Rich Nicol, John Kellogg and Colleen Kellogg.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Minutes of the April 9th meeting were read, moved for approval by Dean, seconded by Larry and approved as read.

Ongoing Business

Rich Nichol of Solartech was present to discuss next steps on a town solar project. To get Charleston's project into the state queue, Mr. Nichol explained that a certificate of public good must be submitted. Solartech can do this, even if they are not the eventual installer. Submission requires notifying abutting property owners, the board, and various agencies. If submitted by the end of June, an array could possibly be installed before winter, pending school and voter approval. Tom moved to instruct Rich Nichol to submit a certificate to the Public Service Board, second by Larry and approved.

A state official will conduct an information session on the new shoreline protection act, July 23rd at 6:15pm at the Town Office, immediately preceding a selectboard meeting. All are welcome.

New Business

Resident John Kellogg, was present to express his wish for something positive to happen with the East Charleston Store. He has met with the owner to discuss leasing the commercial space and propose a plan for a shop with food service. He has identified a USDA grant to purchase needed equipment, but only a nonprofit or municipality can apply. He asked that the town act as the applicant if he prepares the application. Tom moved to support Mr. Kellogg's proposal with the understanding that there is no cost or liability to the town, seconded by Larry and approved. Tom will be the contact.

An agreement with Innovative Solutions for chloride was discussed and signed for 41,000 gallons - within budget.

The selectboard instructed the Clerk to send a warning letter to Mr. Monte Kennedy who has been transporting overweight vehicles on a posted road.

Letter was received from an anonymous taxpayer suggesting that town auditors look into fire department finances. No action taken.

Road Report

Discussing complaints about Class IV road conditions, selectboard members agreed that other roads take priority. Nothing can be done before Class IV roads dry up.

An estimate for paving on Durgin Rd is in the works.

The Town will apply for a Better Backroads grant to ditch Gratton Hill Rd.

Discussion of a possible silt fence or other barrier to keep silt from entering the Clyde river in pit is stripped of stumps. No action taken.

Discussion of the Barton pit and the possibility of harvesting lower strata and creating a pond. No action.

Larry suggests writing up a list of Class IV roads for possible reclassification. Tabled.

Larry requested a review of driveway culvert policy, Class IV policy, and all road policies. Tabled.

Announcements and Information

A letter of support was requested in support of a broadband project by a new company unknown the the board. No action taken.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46. The next meeting is May 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Selectmen, Town of Charleston