

**Town of Charleston  
Selectboard Meeting 10/22/15**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held October 22, 2015. Attending: Dean Bennett, Larry Young, Meghann Carter, Bernie Pepin, Tom Jensen, Diana Marckwardt, Larry EcEnany (Nortrax), Randy Lebel (Beauregard) and Colleen Kellogg.

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Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of the October 9th meeting were reviewed previously and approved as written read.

Solar Subcommittee

Tom Jensen and Diana Marckwardt plan to submit an application for a Certificate of Public Good for a 300' x 300' solar array in the town pit on Ten Mile by early November, and will bring the application for Selectboard signatures on the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will save \$1000 by doing so without installer assistance, but will ask Rich Nichols to again be the named installer, subject to change. They will follow-up with Meghann to create a site map. They will meet next week with USDA to discuss aligning USDA grant requirements with the CPG timeframe.

Road Equipment

Larry McEnany and Randy Lebel made brief presentations about their excavator sale proposals, John Deere and Case, respectively. Dean thanked both representatives for giving the highway department opportunities to try out machines. He indicated that the town is leaning toward a new machine and plans to make a decision toward the end of the meeting. Pricing on new machines was reviewed: Case \$99,800 John Deere \$102,000 and Cat \$103,000.

Ongoing Business

Colleen reviewed proposed language changes to the Charleston Road Policy document including: Class 4 clarification requested by the board, incorporating newly adopted driveway culvert requirements and Trail use policies, and removal of out-of-date language. Colleen will prepare a clean copy for adoption and signing at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A reimbursement request for \$88,107 for a state paving grant was reviewed, signed, and will be submitted immediately.

New Business

The GreenUp Day organization asks that an appropriation request be placed on the Town Meeting warning. Dean, Meghann, and Colleen expressed appreciation for the GreenUp bags which help townwide cleanup. Meghann moved to place an article on the warning to appropriate \$50 to support GreenUp Day, seconded by Larry and approved.

Road Report

Bernie used a demo excavator to complete some long-deferred ditching on Crowe Hill Rd. Discussion of residents' permission to take small quantities of winter sand for their driveways.

There was a brief discussion of the Road Budget, status YTD as well as how much to budget for 911 and road signs for 2016. Colleen will look at past years.

Bernie discussed his experiences using the three excavators the town had on loan and the warranty on each: Case 1yr full machine/1800hr; John Deere 5y/3000hr; Cat 3y/3000hr. He assesses all to be good machines, but based on several considerations—smoothness/quickness of operation, power, known quality and service, and good and/or unique features such as slope & grade, offset boom and counterweight, backup camera, bolt-on cutting edge, roomy engine compartment—would recommend the Cat overall. Dean moved to approve purchase of the Cat 308E2SB excavator, seconded by Larry and approved.

The Mack ten-wheeler, low-bed trailer, and Cat excavator the town has agreed to purchase will cost a total of \$317,049. To keep payments in line with the current budget and not add to taxpayer burden, Larry moved to secure an 8-year loan at 1.79%, seconded by Meghann and approved. Colleen will work with the Town Clerk and Community National Bank. Larry reiterated an earlier vote to put the proceeds from the upcoming sale of a 6-wheeler truck toward the existing Mack loan. By owning this equipment and replacing an old truck, the board projects significant savings in areas such as hired services, parts and repairs.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting is November 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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