

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Meeting 10/08/15**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Attending: Meghann Carter, Dean Bennett, Larry Young, Bernie Pepin, Marsha Descheneau

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved as read.

Marsha has been trained as an animal control officer at the police academy, and intends to run for animal control officer of the town at the town meeting next March in order to be able to have legal power to take on animal cases. She also stated that she intends to take action, if this occurs before town meeting, which the Selectboard cannot condone.

The amount that the town needs to borrow cannot be determined yet because Bernie has not decided on which brand of used excavator to get as a long term rental. He will be testing out some different ones. We will be able to give an exact figure at the next meeting.

Tabled the road policy discussion until next meeting.

The board has read the request from Umbrella, and has decided to require that they go through the petitioning process, though they encourage Umbrella to continue to seek appropriations in Charleston.

Rather than holding a hearing on the budget before Town Meeting Day, the board would prefer to have printed copies and digital copies of the budget available to the townspeople for review.

Doloff Mtn Road and Crowe Hill residents would like loads of gravel from the town to improve their (Class 4) roads. We are close to the budgeted amount for Class 4 road maintenance, so we are unable to give them their gravel, but will give our permission to haul in any gravel that they purchase and they may place it within the road right of way. In the event of a major wash-out, the town will provide a small amount of gravel.

Road foreman reports that the roads are in pretty good condition. He will purchase whips (snow markers) by the end of the month. The sanders are in good condition and the plow blades are as well. The tire budget hasn't been drafted yet. Has a pile of dirty tailings in the pit that can go to problem areas along roads where washouts happen.

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Gratton Hill Ditching Grant is due 10/16, NVDA will provide a support letter. If we get that grant, work will be completed next year to replace the undersized road culverts. Requires a match, so if we use our own excavator and gravel, the in-kind match will be covered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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