

**Town of Charleston  
Selectboard Meeting 3/24/16**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held March 24, 2016. Attending: Selectboard members Dean Bennett, Larry Young, and Meghann Carter; and Clerk Colleen Kellogg. Solar Subcommittee Chair Tom Jensen joined the meeting by phone.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting as written, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Proposal from Building Energy for a town solar array was reviewed. Terms state 10% down payment due at signing, but Selectboard would like this changed to "due upon receipt of CPG." Per board approval, Mr. Jensen will have an amended proposal sent to the town for signing on Tuesday. Mr. Jensen is planning a site visit for April involving Building Energy, VT ANR, Road Foreman, and Selectboard. Motion by Mr. Bennett to permit Tom Jensen to act on the town's behalf in applying for grants for the solar array, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved.

Draft Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) was reviewed. Motion by Ms. Carter to adopt as written with the understanding that NVDA will add fire department equipment and State Tier II sites as soon as available, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

Julianne Woolard, previously appointed Grand Juror, has agreed to serve provided the town will cover her normal hourly rate for legal services. In the interest of the budget, the board declined and motion made by Mr. Bennett to appoint Ms. Carter as Grand Juror to be compensated at a rate of \$15/hr, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Delinquent Tax Collector Grace Frizzell requests approval to set a deadline of June 1, 2016 for delinquent taxes, at which time any unpaid taxes will be referred to the town's attorney for Tax Sale. Motion by Mr. Bennett to approve, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

Town Fire Warden's term ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and Blair Moulton is willing to serve again. Motion by Mr. Bennett to appoint Blair Moulton, seconded by Mr. Young and approved to a five-year term.

Clerk Teri Gray notified the Selectboard that highway crew member Dwight Moulton has now reached an effective year of full-time service, and asked approval to apply vacation time per the policy. Motion by Mr. Bennett to approve eligibility, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

Liquor license renewal for Scampy's was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Young to approve, seconded by Mr. Bennett and signed.

The town was awarded a FEMA grant to install an emergency generator at the school. The Clerk will notify the school board and discuss match funds and how to proceed.

## FOREMAN'S REPORT

Foreman is working to source an excavator bucket with twist-wrist, and would like to go with local fabricator Awesome welding. The new Mack will be ready any day now. He is waiting for the right weather to grade roads. After a meeting at VTrans, Mr. Pepin would like to contact ANR for help in addressing stormwater issues near farms on Hudson Rd, Fontaine Rd, and Crawford Hill Rd. The Selectboard will invite owner of Fontaine Rd and Crawford Hill Rd properties to the next meeting. FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant for Cole Rd was awarded, and work is being done to finalize the Hudson Rd application.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

NEKWMD is proposing charter changes to allow per capita assessment and/or taxes on waste services and seeks comments. The Selectboard hopes the district will use common sense and not increase the cost burden on local communities and haulers. The Clerk will pass along comments to the town's NEKWMD supervisor.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm. The next Selectboard meeting is April 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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