

Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 5/26/16

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held May 26, 2016. Attending: Selectboard members Dean Bennett, Meghann Carter; Clerk Colleen Kellogg; Solar Subcommittee Members Tom Jensen and Diana Marckwardt; and Mark Podgwaite of Lyndon Rescue.

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Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion by Ms. Carter to approve minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved.

Reviewed email from Jayson Benoit. He recommends shifting the solar array location slightly to accommodate the wetlands buffer. Mr. Bennett is confident that the project will not impede gravel pit operations even with the shift. Diana noted that the project scores higher for locating the array in a gravel pit, and electricity reimbursement rate will be better as a result.

Mr. Jensen and Ms. Marckwardt are preparing a grant application to Northern Borders Regional Commission, requesting for \$230,000 for solar array costs. Along with a \$50,000 USDA grant toward panel purchase, this amount would cover most other project costs. Application forms were presented for Selectboard Chair signature and signed. Motion by Ms. Carter to adopt a resolution granting authority to Dean Bennett to sign all documents related to the grant, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved and signed.

Ms. Kellogg pointed out that if the town expends more than \$750,000 in federal funds in one year, the cost of an A-133 audit will have to be budgeted.

A request for payment for grant funds for the Echo Lake boat greeter program was reviewed and signed by the Chair.

Letter from the Echo Lake Protective Association notifying the Town and Highway Department that the Echo Lake Color Challenge will be held on West Echo Lake Rd at 10am on July 3rd. The Selectboard has no concerns about using the road.

Mark Podgwaite inquired about ambulance service satisfaction; there were no issues or concerns. He presented Lyndon Rescue's proposal to secure a Paramedic License, which would expand the services they provide and increase revenue to keep town costs down. They request a letter of support signed by the Chair. Letter was signed and mailed.

Ms. Carter called Executive Session at 7:40pm to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by Ms. Carter to reinstate 2 days of vacation time taken by an employee for extenuating circumstances, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved.

Ms. Carter expressed interest in purchasing a pickup for highway department use, as a personal vehicle is currently used. Mr. Bennett agreed that current mileage reimbursement would cover costs, and feels at least a 2500 would be needed. Ms. Kellogg will check with Brighton about their recent truck grant.

Adjourn at 7:58pm. The next Selectboard meeting is June 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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