

Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 7/14/16

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held July 14, 2016. Attending: Selectpersons Dean Bennett, Meghann Carter and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Clerk Colleen Kellogg; and NCUHS student Nathalie Ouellette.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously as written.

Proposed Solar Project: Additional information requested by the NBRC grant program was submitted. A revised site map and letter from Jayson Benoit confirming that the site is outside of the wetlands will be sent to ANR. Mr. Pepin is checking on prices for the bulldozer work needed.

FEMA Grants: The grant awarded the Town for an emergency generator will not cover the 3-phase commercial unit needed at the school. New prices for the larger unit will be gathered. Mr. Young suggested that some Towns have purchased used FEMA generators; Ms. Kellogg will research. A letter to FEMA requesting a cash advance on the Cole Rd grant to purchase the aluminum box culvert was reviewed and signed.

Board members called Russell Guyer during the meeting to request roadside mowing. He will start on Echo Lake Rd soon and will cover the areas in town not mowed last year.

Motion by Mr. Bennett to approve a permit for the Kingdom Swim' Echo Lake Swim on Monday August 15th, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved unanimously.

A form needed by landowner John Westinghouse to have VEC bring power under Mad Brook Rd was reviewed. The board approved the request unanimously and asked Ms. Kellogg to inform Mr. Westinghouse of his responsibility to contact Mr. Pepin about the driveway culvert he must install, per Town policy.

Information on the Justice of the Peace office was reviewed. Towns with 1000-2000 population can elect 7 Justices. An article would have to be warned and approved by voters. Mr. Young moved to table the discussion indefinitely, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved unanimously.

The VT League of Cities and Towns is surveying towns about dispatch services. Ms. Kellogg will request information from the CVFD.

Road Report

Mr. Pepin would like to find a certified flagger for occasional work. Ms. Kellogg will check around to see if any residents are currently certified or interested in becoming certified. The East Echo Lake Rd job is taking longer than expected for several reasons like extra brush clearing, waiting for stone, and letting traffic by. Gravel will be installed to meet the level of the erosion stone. Mr. Young has heard complaints from the Devaney's about dust on Hudson. Mr. Pepin said the road took a lot of winter sand and he'll try to scoop sand when they grade. He asked about the process for cutting trees

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in the right of way. The board recommends reaching out to landowners first. Mr. Young noticed that fences have not been moved from the right-of-way on Gratton Hill. Mr. Pepin will visit the landowner to prepare for roadwork there. Ron Kolar requests ditch cleaning on Camp Winape Rd. John Simsarian is concerned about runouts on W Echo Lake Rd. Both sites are on the crew's radar and will be addressed as they can.

Adjourn 8:06. The next Selectboard meeting is July 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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