

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 7/28/16**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held July 28, 2016. Attending: Selectboard members Larry Young and Meghann Carter; NCUHS Student Nathalie Ouellette; and Colleen Kellogg, Clerk.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion by Ms. Carter to approve minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

ONGOING BUSINESS

The Better Roads Grant Program project on East Echo Lake Rd is complete and Ms. Kellogg will submit the final report for reimbursement as soon as the grant agreement is executed – in the next week or two.

VT ANR reports that the revised siting for a solar array is outside of the wetlands and acceptable. They request that grass seed be sown to stabilize a berm. Mr. Young requests that Solar Subcommittee members attend an upcoming meeting to discuss site responsibilities and costs and provide a general update. Mr. Pepin received an estimate of \$900 for bulldozer work that may be needed. Ms. Kellogg will contact the Subcommittee.

On FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants:

- The board is in agreement about putting the Cole Rd box culvert and work out to bid, which will delay the work until 2017. Ms. Kellogg will communicate this to VTrans.
- An emergency generator at the school will cost \$40-45,000, well beyond the \$8,000 grant budget. Because the town's regular annual budget couldn't afford the 25% match, the board will consider foregoing the project, but would first like to know about surplus generators available at lower cost. Ms. Kellogg will explore this with the FEMA grants office.
- VT Hazard Mitigation Officer reports that the Hudson Rd grant will be awarded soon.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2016 Property Tax Rate Notice was approved and signed by the board and will be posted. The Municipal Rate is .6811 (down slightly from .6886 in 2015), resulting in a residential rate of 2.0421 and a non-residential rate of 2.3214.

The 2016 Dog Warrant was signed and will be issued to the Constable. He will follow-up to ensure that all dogs living in Charleston are licensed. Dog owners are reminded to obtain dog licenses at the Town Clerk's Office, per Vermont law.

The State will bill Charleston for cleaning sand off Route 105 at the intersection with Rocky Ledge Rd. To avoid future bills, VTrans asks the town to install a section of quality material, like stay mat, and drainage ditches. The matter was tabled until the Tuesday road meeting, when an affordable solution can be discussed.

Ms. Kellogg shared emails from landowners concerning road conditions on Camp Winape Rd and Tripp Hill Rd. Mr. Young asked for an accounting of Class IV spending so far. Ms. Kellogg will have a report for the Tuesday road meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mr. Young said that due to a hot dry summer, it's tough to keep enough chloride on the roads. All roads are in the same fix. The primary grader operator was out this week, but the crew will work on grading washout areas as soon as he is back.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm. The next Selectboard meeting is August 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Carter will record minutes.

Selectboard, Town of Charleston