

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Meeting 08/25/16**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Attending: Selectboard members Dean Bennett, Meg Carter, and Larry Young; Listers Jean Wilson and Steve Wilson; Residents Mary Anne O'Brien, Patti Lennon, Mary Kenison, Tom Wagner, and Jean Auclair; and Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

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Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Tom Wagner reports that recent grading and ditching in East Echo Lake Rd is nicely done and has resolved the biggest problem—sediment discharge into the lake at the Doulens' property—but six driveways are having issues with increased runoff. Runoff from private road Barneys Pebble continues to be a problem. The board informed residents that berms cannot be installed at the top of the driveways but recommends property owners install water run-outs just outside the grader area to catch water before it causes further erosion to their property. Ms. Kellogg will connect Mr. Wagner with Amy Picotte of VT DEC to pursue grants and other supports for landowners. Ms. Carter will offer a Rain Garden Design workshop from 9am to noon on September 6<sup>th</sup> at NorthWoods.

Jean Auclair has purchased a 14-person wagon and would like to give rides from his farm on Rte 105, over Rocky Ledge Rd (a town legal trail) to the Echo Lake fishing access with a horse team or tractor. Mr. Bennett informed Mr. Auclair that motorized vehicles are prohibited on town legal trails except by landowners who are accessing their own property. Mr. Auclair asked if he could pull the wagon with his tractor if he owned or rented land on Rocky Ledge Rd. The board will review the Trail Policy and discuss the matter further with Mr. Auclair.

Listers Jean Wilson and Steve Wilson report that the 2016 Grand List has been lodged; and nothing will go before the BCA. New Lister Steve Wilson brings knowledge of houses from his previous insurance work and is working well. Looking ahead, Charleston's CLA is at 22.15 and will have to reappraise in the next two years. Sale prices differ from listed values—some low and some high. The Listers request permission to request proposals to see what would it would cost to hire out a portion or all of the reappraisal. Mr. Young asked if the state has mandated the reappraisal. Ms. Wilson replied that they will know by December if sales are coming back into line with listed values. Reappraisal would take about a year. All board members agreed to permit the RFP.

Discussion of FEMA Hazard Mitigation grants

- Generator—because the grant will not cover the commercial unit needed at the school, Mr. Bennett moved to decline the grant; seconded by Mr. Young and approved. The Clerk will draft a letter to VT Emergency Management.
- Hudson Rd—There is interest in hiring out the squashed pipe culvert with cement headwells, some trucking, and flagging—staying within the small project limit—and perhaps spreading

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the work over two years. Mr. Bennett recommends closing the road to all but local traffic during the project.

- Cole Rd—State engineers are working on bid documents and are planning a pre-bid meeting for March. The plans will include a pre-cast culvert.

Letter asking the Longe's to work with the town on driveway drainage was reviewed, signed and will be mailed.

Constable Moulton's incident Report concerning Jeffrey Roussell's complaint of field damage by Lynwood Crown's cows was accepted into minutes, along with letters and photos of damage from Mr. Roussell and from Monte Kennedy. Selectboard instructed the Clerk to draft a letter to Mr. Crown to be signed Tuesday and sent certified mail.

Road Report: Clark Jeffers is crushing gravel, Rocky Ledge intersection was fixed, cemetery road washout was repaired, and gravel was put on Hudson. Foreman will check on the mowing schedule.

Review letter from PACIF.

Mr. Bennett called for executive session at 8:25 to discuss employee benefits. Came out of executive session at 8:35. Employee wellness stipend will be reviewed at the Tuesday road meeting.

Bills and orders were reviewed for payment.

Adjourned at 8:41pm. The next Selectboard meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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