

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Meeting 3/9/17**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held March 9, 2017. Attending: Selectboard Members Dean Bennett, Meghann Carter and Larry Young; Jayson Benoit of NorthWoods Stewardship Center; Jane Lazorchak of VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting as written; seconded by Ms. Carter and unanimously approved.

Jane Lazorchak handles land acquisitions related to wildlife for VT Fish & Wildlife. F&W is working with NorthWoods to acquire an 11+ acre parcel on the Clyde River, and would like Selectboard support. The Department is interested in owning wetland properties and the Buck Flats area—recently proposed as a Class 1 wetland—is of special interest. All but 2 acres is under conservation easement. It will be available to the public for river access, with signage and a place to park. The Town will receive the equivalent of the municipal tax. Mr. Young asked about overnight access. Ms. Lazorchak said if the sale proceeds, the property would go through a public process to determine any need for such. Mr. Bennett moved to support the acquisition, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Young asked for an update on the dog situation on Fontaine Rd, and whether a ticket was issued to Mr. Crowe. Ms. Kellogg will check with Ed Brown for an update before Tuesday.

Re: the Cole Rd project, Mr. Bennett asked if landowner permission agreements were ready. Ms. Kellogg presented agreements and cover letters for review. They will be sent to the two adjacent landowners. Mr. Bennett proposed posting bids on the Town website so that contractors do not need to attend the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be aware of all bids. The board favored this, but asked Ms. Kellogg to first check with VTrans for guidance and any concerns with doing so.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Young nominated Meghann Carter as Selectboard Chair, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved.

Liquor License renewal for Scampy's was reviewed. Motion by Ms. Carter to approve the renewal, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved.

## ROAD REPORT

- Reviewed a notice from VTrans showing that Towns are responsible for potholes in paved aprons of town highways where they meet state roads.
- Ms. Kellogg confirmed that Mr. Brown will attend flagger certification training on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussion as to whether flagging work was done under the umbrella of 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable duties, and the board agreed so. Motion by Ms. Carter to compensate Mr. Brown for training time, second by Mr. Bennett and approved.
- Two highway employees will take a brake class offered by Sanel Auto Parts.
- Mr. Pepin will begin using longer-lasting equipment grease from a new vendor.
- Regarding safety-toe boot reimbursement for highway employees, Mr. Young suggests keeping brand info on file to help identify a long-lasting boot. The Clerk's Office will keep this on file.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

The board is reminded of the Town's Annual Financial Plan meeting with VTrans to be held March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am at the Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm. The next Selectboard meeting is March 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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