

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 9/28/17**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held September 28, 2017. Attending: Selectboard members Meghann Carter and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Residents Joe Hryckiewicz, Cheryl Hryckiewicz, Ed and Priscilla Brown; and Colleen Kellogg, Clerk.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting as written, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Hryckiewicz live in the area where East and West Echo Lake Roads and the Morgan-Charleston Road come together. They would like to bring power underground to their property and have the support and interest of their neighbors, who may take the opportunity to also install telephone cable. Nearby property owners Larry & Tracey Shadday are on board but do not want it under their lawn, which would be needed for the first few hundred feet, so Mr. Hryckiewicz requests approval to install conduit in the town right-of-way for 550-600 feet along the west side of the road. He reports there are no culverts in that area. The power company requires 3-foot deep burial, but he is happy to comply with the Road Foreman's requirement that ditch burial be at least 4-5 feet. Mr. Hryckiewicz has approached reputable contractor Mario R. Paul Excavating to do the work; they would dig and lay conduit and Mr. Hryckiewicz would follow immediately with his excavator to bury the line, minimizing road disruption and public safety concerns. The State has up to 60 days to review his request, but he hopes to move forward as soon as possible. Mr. Young said he prefers to keep things out of right-of-way, due to concerns about what maintenance might be needed later. Mr. Pepin does not see a problem. Ms. Carter would like to view the site before making a decision. The board will meet Mr. Hryckiewicz at the pole by Dean Bennett's house on Tuesday Oct 3rd at 8:30 am for a site visit.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Ms. Carter to approve the annual Unlicensed Dog Warrant, giving Animal Control Officer Ed Brown the authority to cite owners of unlicensed dogs, including to impound, rehome or destroy a dog if necessary, seconded by Mr. Young and approved. Ms. Kellogg will mail warning letters to owners, and Mr. Brown will visit homes. It was noted that First Constable Jonathan Bruce has had to reschedule his police academy session to this winter due to work demands.

A request to abate 2016 delinquent taxes on a mobile home destroyed by fire in 2016 was received from Delinquent Tax Collector Grace Frizzell. Ms. Carter asked Ms. Kellogg to convene the Board of Abatement for a short meeting at 6:50pm on October 12th and post meeting notice.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Carter reported on the Planning Commission meeting earlier that evening. Solar Subcommittee Chair Tom Jensen requested Selectboard approval to negotiate with Community Bank the terms for a line of credit to cover \$10,340 in already-incurred project expenses (mostly legal fees) and a 10% down payment

of \$28,251.00. The panel price has increased. Motion by Ms. Carter to approve, seconded by Mr. Young. Mr. Jensen will bring terms back to the board for approval.

Mike Randall and Glenn Peterson were interviewed for the open Selectboard seat earlier this week. Motion by Ms. Carter to appoint Mr. Peterson to a term which ends Town Meeting 2018, seconded by Mr. Young, and approved. Ms. Kellogg will notify both candidates of the appointment.

Ms. Kellogg reports that Ruggles Engineering has sent out bid invite letters for replacement of Bridge 5 on Hudson Rd. Sealed bids will be opened at the Oct 26th Selectboard meeting.

A draft policy regarding fencing in the town highway right of way was discussed, with edits suggested. Ms. Carter suggested combining all current ROW policies into a single document. Ms. Kellogg will revise and get back to the board with a new draft.

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Pepin reports that winter sand has been put up. Some grading has been done, but most had to be put off during the hot weather to save expense. Ditching on Dane Hill and Gay Hill turned out good, and he is waiting to hear back from Doug Morton about Grants-In-Aid funds for the Dane Hill segment. Dan Pepin has finished installing erosion stone on Hudson Rd culverts and can be paid as soon as FEMA funds are received. In the lower section of Crawford Hill Rd adjacent to Monte Kennedy's property, ditching work was done this summer largely to deal with drainage issues caused by Mr. Kennedy's access road. Mr. Kennedy has now dropped stone in the ditch for a make-shift curb cut. Motion by Mr. Young to send a certified letter to Mr. Kennedy notifying him to remove stone and that ALL right-of-way work and curb cuts must go through the Road Foreman. Mr. Pepin stated that a culvert could not be installed at the location; it would have to shift down the road a bit to work with road culverts. Ms. Kellogg will draft a letter for board review on Tuesday. Mr. Young has checked Class 4 road Maple Ridge and found it in passable condition without four-wheel drive. Mr. Pepin stated the highway crew will return to winter hours (5-day week) on Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. The next meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm. A meeting of the Charleston Board of Abatement will be held immediately preceding at 6:50 pm.

Approved this 12th day of October 2017:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston