

Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 11/09/17

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held November 9, 2017. Attending: Selectboard members Meghann Carter, Glenn Peterson, and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg. Tom Jensen joined the meeting by phone.

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 October 26, 2017 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

An offer from Pierre Dupuis has been received to trade \$26,000 worth of stay-mat from his gravel pit at a reduced price of \$14/yard in exchange for the 2009 International dump truck that the Town has been trying to sell. Motion by Mr. Peterson to accept the offer, seconded by Ms. Carter and unanimously approved. A barter agreement document for the transaction was reviewed and accepted. Mr. Dupuis will be invited to the Tuesday morning meeting to execute the agreement and transfer title to the truck.

Tom Jensen visited the gravel pit with Ms. Carter and Mr. Pepin to stake the solar array location and reports that a bulldozer will not be need to create a new road, that only a small “bump” of earth will need to be excavated per Mr. Pepin. Reviewing a project map, Mr. Jensen said he hopes the array would be installed even closer to the wetland buffer to grant more highway department access to pit material. He presented a letter from VEC detailing the cost of interconnection and an estimate from Green Mountain Electric for conduit and supplies. Not shown is a \$2000 estimate for town labor and equipment to dig and backfill the ditch and lay conduit with pull tape. VEC does the rest. The next step is to submit an application and \$200 fee to VEC for a new net metering service—this will prompt VEC to send out engineers to the site and lay out exactly where the transmission line will be. Once the application is sent Dean Denis, VEC, will check with their engineer to see what the turnaround time will be. The completed application was signed and will be mailed with the fee. The goal for this fall is to have all these things nailed down and be ready to go in spring—with everyone knowing what needs to be done. Mr. Jensen said a concrete pad will be needed for VEC equipment. He’ll ask Nik what Building Energy needs and if they want to be part of the VEC engineer visit. Mr. Jensen aims to have the array in place by the end of June. Ms. Kellogg is interested in serving on the Solar Oversight Committee. Motion by Ms. Carter to appoint Ms. Kellogg, seconded by Mr. Peterson. The board will continue to consider additional members. Mr. Pepin expects the trench will take a couple days to dig, plus conduit and back fill, and asks for maximum lead time and consideration of the road crew schedule, as well as a locked-down location.

NEW BUSINESS

An invoice has been received from Jason Bingham for repairing damage caused by a Town truck to the electrical service at his family’s camp on Echo Lake in 2016. Mr. Peterson will contact Mr. Bingham to get more details about the work.

ROAD REPORT

The Town has received word from VTrans that the Cole Rd box culvert installation was well done and to plan. Mr. Pepin and Mr. Young agreed that the job looked good. The Town is still waiting for the guard rail to be installed. Mr. Pepin said the surrounding area will need gravel and grading.

Mr. Pepin reports that stakes have been installed to mark shoulders for plowing, trucks have been undercoated, firewood is almost done, and winter tires are on—just need to do wings. He met with VTrans regarding patching needed at the Durgin Rd bridge. It was also determined that cold planing is needed to remove the excess pavement weight followed by a thin coat, and the Town could apply for a structures grant. VTrans has provided product information about mortar material and the Town could do the work, but Mr. Young suggests getting an estimate from Green & Son. Mr. Pepin will get estimates for cold planing, paving and water sealing. Ms. Kellogg will contact Gosselin about Silane patch material.

Mr. Peterson announced that the West Charleston Church will hold a Chowderfest on Saturday November 11th from 5 to 7 pm. Cost is \$7.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. The next meeting December 14th. It will be immediately preceded by a Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 pm.

Approved this 14th day of December 2017:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston