

Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 12/14/17

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held December 14, 2017. Attending: Selectboard members Meghann Carter and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting as written, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Carter spoke to Hap Eliason and he is interested in serving on the Solar Oversight Committee. Planning Commission Chair John Kellogg will speak to him about serving and possibly chairing. Ms. Kellogg reports that the Town is still waiting for a VEC engineer to schedule a visit to initiate the net metering account.

Highway Right-of-way policies sheet was reviewed. Ms. Carter noted that the right-of-way was 24.75 feet from center. Motion by Ms. Carter to adopt the Fencing and Utilities Policies are written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved. The full page of all policies will be included in the Town Report.

NEW BUSINESS

The highway crew has asked the board to consider providing uniforms, and Charleston has received a quote from UniFirst. Jackets, shirts, and jeans for three would be \$2384 per year. The Foreman feels it's a good idea, and said the employees are willing to pay half. Mr. Young moved to table the matter until all three board members could discuss, seconded by Ms. Carter. The matter will be taken up on December 28, 2017.

Motion by Ms. Carter to put a \$100 appropriation request from VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force on Town Meeting Warning, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

A budget status report from the Town Treasurer was reviewed. Mr. Young moved to schedule a 2018 budget meeting at 6:00 pm on January 11, 2018, just prior to the Selectboard meeting, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved. Ms. Kellogg will inform the Town Treasurer.

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Young brought up concerns about a bad curve on Hudson Rd at "Clark Hill," and suggests installing reduced speed/curve signs (25MPH/90 bend). Mr. Pepin and Ms. Carter agreed. Ms. Kellogg will order.

The board met with Mr. Davis on Bly Farm Rd on Tuesday about keeping mud and manure out of the road and ditch. Board members have not seen any difference.

Mr. Pepin is seeing quite a few broken stakes from plowing and some roads are too wide. The board agrees that they would like to see roads plowed only 22 feet wide with sand in the center of the road. This is not being done consistently.

VLCT management resources were discussed. Ms. Carter and Ms. Kellogg will look into custom trainings that may be available for the highway department. The board would also like to review the discipline policy, and Ms. Kellogg will have copies ready next week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is December 28th. Jonathan Bruce will attend to give an update on his police academy training.

Approved this 28th day of December 2017:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston