

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 11/08/18**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held November 8, 2018. Attending: Selectpersons Meghann Carter, Glenn Peterson, and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Town Clerk & Treasurer Teri Gray; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Ms. Carter to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting with VTrans has been rescheduled to November 20th and the matter was tabled.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve one-year permission to the Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club for their Crawford Hill Rd crossing, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved. The signed form will be mailed back.

Board members agreed to hold a budget work session on Thursday December 27th at 6:00 pm, prior to the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Young to approve the 2019 Newport Ambulance Service contract for one year at a cost of \$39,252, seconded by Ms. Carter and approved. The board will consider a nonbinding question on the Town Meeting warning for a 5-year commitment since they don't believe Selectboards can contract for such a long term. Ms. Kellogg was asked to see if a NAS representative could attend Town Meeting to discuss their request for 5-year commitment.

Ms. Gray confirmed that the fence at the solar array has been installed, and the 20-year loan will be finalized with Community National Bank as quoted. Since the truck financing question has been approved by voters, she will proceed with truck financing as well. Mr. Pepin requested a diagram of the underground electric at the solar array, and Ms. Kellogg will see if Hap Eliason can provide this.

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Pepin reports the crew has been installing winter stakes, grading roads, and he will work on re-blazing boundary lines at the Charleston pit. He suggests that a culvert be installed on the pit access road shared by Mr. Manning when ditching work is done on Ten Mile Square Rd next year. After testing the Shoulder Retriever on the sides of Fontaine Rd, that road has been graded twice since recent rains and now looks great. Despite complaints about the initial impact of churning up the shoulder material, Mr. Pepin is happy with the job done in eliminating shoulder berm, and asks that residents have patience as the material settles down after using the Retriever. Mr. Young suggested posting No Trespassing/No Hunting signs at the Westmore and Charleston Pit for safety reasons.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Planning Commission regular meeting will be held Thursday December 13th at 6:00 pm (rescheduled from the usual time of 6:30 pm). The Selectboard will hold a hearing on the draft 2018 Town Plan immediately afterward at 6:15pm. The latest draft will be available from the Town Clerk's Office in the coming days.

Seeing no other business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:02 pm. The next meeting is December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 13th day of December 2018:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston