

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Meeting 10/13/16**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held October 13, 2016. Attending: Selectboard Members Dean Bennett, Meghann Carter and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Resident and NEKWMD Representative Pat Austin; and Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

*Charleston was notified in September of proposed changes to the NEKWMD Charter: (1) to allow establishment of per capita fees and other revenue forms; and (2) eliminate Australian ballot method of approving the annual budget. Charleston NEKWMD Board Representative Pat Austin was invited to discuss the proposal.* Mr. Austin discussed the reduction in trash since recycling laws were enacted and the district's need to increase revenue. He plans to vote in favor of the funding flexibility and against eliminating the Australian ballot. He views a per capita fee as more effective than an increased hauler surcharge, but suggests Charleston might consider requesting a reduced surcharge because the town does not have a waste facility and doesn't get the same benefit as towns that do. He also suggested that, at some point, Charleston may be better off cost-wise to leave the district and establish a town Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). He feels that doing away with the Australian ballot would take away any influence voters have. Mr. Bennett moved to support Mr. Austin's vote on the district charter, seconded by Mr. Young and approved. The board thanked Mr. Austin for looking out for the town's interests and keeping the board informed.

Minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting were approved as written. Motion by Ms. Carter; second by Mr. Young and approved.

Town Attorney Bill Davies forwarded the final court decision in the matter of Maxwell vs. Davis, basically in favor of Davis.

Mr. Young reported that Second Constable Jon Bruce is on schedule to be police-certified in time for Town Meeting. He is waiting on a polygraph and training class.

GreenUp Vermont requests to have an appropriation article placed on the town meeting warning. Larry moved to include a \$50 request, seconded by Mr. Bennett and approved. Will be placed on the warning.

Town Garage floor drains were discussed. Because the septic location is unknown, the board instructed Ms. Kellogg to contact Taplin about locator services.

Road Report: Winter sand is done; the ditched Dane Hill and cleaned stone. Kennedy's fence was up at the time, but he did a nice job of ditching where the town left off. Crushing and screening is going well. From a Road Foreman meeting, Mr. Pepin reports that the town should budget \$2400 in 2018 for the new municipal general permit, required of all Vermont towns.

Charleston's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will hold a Fun Run & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser around Echo Lake on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. The board sees no issue with using the road.

Bills and orders were reviewed for payment.

Adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next Selectboard meeting is October 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston