

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Meeting 08/24/2017**  
MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held August 24, 2017. Attending: Selectboard Members Larry Young and Dean Bennett; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Town Clerk Teri Gray; Attorney Dan Keenan; and board clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Called to Order at 7:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Bennett to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Keenan is working on three sales, two camps on Dane Hill and one former Three Town Farms property, that are/were Lease or Glebe lands. Background: when Charleston land was originally granted by the crown, certain lots benefitted certain projects. This was a durable lease, typically 1-2 dollars per year paid to Town. The Ruetter lot, for example, was for support of the Minister, which is now illegal. The buyer of the Hallack property would like a quit claim deed from the Town. The Selectboard has the authority to do so. Mr. Keenan will prepare a notice for the Town to post to see if anyone objects, then draw up a deed releasing the lease. Mr. Bennett moved to proceed with the process, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter to dog owners Lee & Panda Lacroix was signed and will be mail by certified mail on Friday.

Russell Guyer will resume roadside mowing on Monday. Mr. Pepin will call to instruct him where to begin and how many cuts.

ROAD REPORT

Ditching on Crawford Hill Rd is complete for this year, and seeded/mulched. Erosion stone was installed in the ditch on Dane Hill Rd, with some more work done in front of Melvin Bowen's house below the project. The Hudson FEMA ditching and culvert project started Monday. There was an issue with a fence in the right of way, but the vendor is past that area now to the other side of the bridge. Road Foreman Pepin is disappointed in the ditching work due to 'working around' the woven wire fence that was not moved by the landowner. He feels that the Selectboard's right to control the road right-of-way should trump concerns about damaging a fence, and that once the Selectboard decides something about a road issue, they should stick by it. Mr. Pepin said the 'square' road shoulder will have to be cut off before final grading. Winter sand should be done in a couple weeks.

Linda Marsh reported a washout on Bowen Hill Rd. Mr. Pepin looked at the site and said it's happening where a culvert was removed at the insistence of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh. Ms. Kellogg will look back at old minutes for the timing and discussion on this issue. A Crowe Hill landowner reported her road becoming impassible. Mr. Pepin looked at it; it's passable now but could get worse. Since it's a Class 4 road, a Selectboard member will need to look at it and authorize any repairs.

Regarding a site on West Echo Lake Rd being considered for a Better Roads application, Mr. Pepin said there is a significant amount of water and an engineer might be needed to help with the scope of work. (Former Porter property; water at Bennett Farm Rd)

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Announcement: Townwide Reappraisal Informational Meeting, 7:00pm, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at Charleston Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. The next Selectboard meeting is Thursday, September 14th. There will be a Planning Commission meeting immediately preceding at 6:30pm.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2017:

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston