

**Town of Charleston  
Selectboard Meeting 5/10/18**

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held May 10, 2018. Attending: Selectpersons Meghann Carter, Glenn Peterson, and Larry Young; 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 Mr. Young to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved.

Under Public Comment, Ms. Kellogg shared an anonymous email complaint about “public safety and appearance” of 966 VT Route 105, West Charleston, the home of Mr. Thomas. Ms. Carter will drive by, but the board did not believe any action could be taken based on the information provided. They recommend that the individual contact the VT Dept of Health if any health issues were encountered—such as garbage, rats, etc. Ms. Kellogg will pass along the information.

Second Constable Crystal Langmaid visited the Marsh property on Bowen Hill Rd to take a statement and photos of damage done by loose cows belonging to Lynwood Crown. These will be kept on file.

ROAD REPORT

Doug Morton, NVDA, is looking to schedule a kick-off meeting for the Town’s Category A Road Erosion Risk Inventory. Ms. Kellogg will suggest the morning of Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Carter noted that grading and maintenance on Ten Mile Square Rd looked great.

Mr. Young met with the Road Foreman to address Mr. Kennedy’s complaint about not having an access to his property on Crawford Hill Rd. Mr. Pepin showed Mr. Kennedy where a driveway culvert could be installed, but Mr. Kennedy rejected the option. The following compromise was authorized by the Selectboard: Mr. Pepin will install a load of stone in the ditch to allow Kennedy to drive equipment through. If this causes any erosion or risk to the road, Mr. Pepin will remove or cut through it to allow water to flow in the ditch. He will take a photo of his work for the record.

The Retriever has been tested and is being reworked due to a broken disk and other weak points. The Town is still waiting to hear about an ERP grant for the equipment.

Mr. Young shared Plainfield’s truck replacement practice: They take out the extended warranty on all trucks and trade them in as soon as it’s up—getting greater trade-in value. They also put \$50,000 into the equipment fund each year.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Solar: Ms. Kellogg shared current photos of the solar array installation. Racking is up and some solar panels have been installed. Atty. Davies and Solar Oversight Committee member

Diana Marckwardt attended the school board meeting the previous night to discuss the net metering agreement, and Mr. Davies is working on the draft. When the line of credit converts to a loan, the Town Clerk recommends an annual loan payment due around October 15-25. The Selectboard had no objections and an annual payment arrangement was approved.

Solar Oversight Committee Chair Hap Eliason and member Diana Marckwardt recommend purchasing the extended warranty on the solar inverters for \$5,300, to eliminate unforeseen costs. While it would add approximately \$500/year to the loan payment and reduce the short-term savings overall, it would also mean no replacement costs for the inverters for the entire 25-year life of the project, which would increase the long-term savings by at least \$35,000. Motion by Mr. Peterson to purchase the extended warranty, second by Ms. Carter and unanimously approved. Ms. Kellogg will report back with the cost of inverter replacement just for comparison. *(Note: Cost to buy inverters is currently \$48,000.)*

#### NEW

A PACIF Insurance Loss Control Consultant looked over the office and garage today. He will send a list of any items that require action. He did mention that the garage furnace needs to be serviced by a certified vendor. Mr. Young said the fire department has done this and should be asked to inspect the unit.

Seeing no other business or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Young, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is May 24th at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 24th day of May 2018:

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston