

Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 09/13/18

MINUTES

A meeting of the town Selectboard was held September 13, 2018. Attending: Selectpersons Meghann Carter, Glenn Peterson, and Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

Motion by Ms. Carter to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved. There was no public comment to be heard.

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Pepin reports that the Streeter Rd Better Roads grant project has been put on hold. Winter sand is almost put up, and then the crew will replace culverts on Hudson Rd in preparation for next year's paving grant. The crew attended an ice and snow workshop today, and the major message was to use sand sparingly—narrow up and ease up on the amount—it pollutes the watershed and contaminates the quality of road material. Mr. Pepin has been monitoring the box culvert installation on Hudson Rd, and the work looks really good. It could be open as early as tomorrow. He recommends keeping J.P. Sicard in mind for future work. The town is low on crushed gravel, and Jeffers cannot accommodate our schedule, so Mr. Pepin has a commitment from J.P. Sicard to begin crushing the following day. He is concerned about the condition of the town's 2009 International dump truck, and requests permission to spec some trucks that would fit the town's needs, get prices, and report back at the next Selectboard meeting. All board members agreed that he should proceed. The current truck will require investment to make it through another winter, but spending too much would not be a good investment.

Ms. Kellogg reported that Doug Morton expects to conduct the town's road erosion inventory in late September. Per earlier request from the Selectboard, she will have employee evaluation forms ready for the October 25th Selectboard meeting. The board will meet with the crew on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:30 to review job responsibilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kellogg received an alternate quote for the solar array fence—approximately \$3,000, which is comparable to Round Hill. To save cost, Round Hill provided a second quote for “light commercial” grade—totaling just over \$2,100. The Solar Oversight Committee favors this option as long as Building Energy approves the installation. Hap Eliason will get a sketch from Round Hill. With a refund from VEC for the line hook-up work, the fence adds about \$680 to the overall budget.

Ms. Carter reports that the Board is working with Atty. Davies on a decision and response to Mrs. Maxwell's request at the last meeting.

There was no new business brought before the Board.

There were no Bills or Orders to approve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newport Ambulance will attend the 9/27 meeting to discuss their plan for covering the town.

Ms. Carter and Ms. Kellogg are unable to attend the October 11th meeting. Ms. Kellogg will check with the Town Clerk about when orders will be available following the October 9th holiday.

Seeing no other business or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. The next meeting is September 27th at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 27th day of September 2018:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston