

**Town of Charleston  
Selectboard Meeting 3/14/19**

MINUTES

Attending: Selectpersons Glenn Peterson, Peter Moskovites, and Larry Young; Sam Perron of NorthWoods Stewardship Center; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Peterson.

The first order of business was to elect a Selectboard Chair for the year. Mr. Peterson was nominated by Mr. Young, with a second by Mr. Moskovites. Seeing no other nominations, Mr. Peterson was elected Selectboard Chair.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Moskovites, and approved.

To accommodate Mr. Perron's schedule, the Road Report was tabled while the board took up the matter of the Town Forest Management Plan Update. Mr. Perron presented copies of the plan and explained it to be the 10-year update for the Westmore acreage of the Town Forest, due April 1st as required to continue enrollment of the parcel in the Current Use program. He noted that the property description and management goals remain largely the same, but changes were made in terms of scheduled logging. A thinning harvest originally recommended for 2017 has been rescheduled for 2026, with three years' leeway in either direction. The thinning still makes sense, but access is very difficult and the product is not high value—about 300 cords firewood. He said the Charleston acreage has an opportunity for harvest, so a combined project could make logging more feasible, and invited the town to contact him about future forestry work. Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the plan update, second by Mr. Moskovites, and approved and signed.

ROAD REPORT

The town's Municipal Roads General Permit Planning Report is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. The draft report was reviewed by all and signed by the Chair.

Mr. Young reports that Crawford Hill Rd property owner Monte Kennedy has reported damage to his livestock fence caused by the town crew pushing back snow. The Road Foreman will determine whether or not the fence is located in the town right-of-way and report back to the board. Also, on the subject of Crawford Hill Rd, Mr. Young suggested that the town continue to seek assistance to replace the cross-road culvert at Dane Hill Rd with a larger one.

A working draft of the Highway Equipment Replacement Schedule was reviewed. Mr. Young reports that Road Foreman Pepin is checking on the cost and feasibility of repairing the Volvo loader to keep it in service for another year or two.

In preparation for the town's annual financing meeting with VTrans, the board reviewed a working draft of the 2019 highway project list and winter/summer highway budget.

## NEW BUSINESS

The schedule of 2019 Selectboard and Road Commissioner regular meetings was reviewed, with no objections.

Under Board Development, members discussed how best to operate as a unit and ensure that decisions and actions are made collectively.

Following up on Town Meeting, Mr. Young reports that the fire department plans to finalize financing for a new tanker truck and let the Selectboard know for how long an increased appropriation would be sought to cover Charleston's share of the loan payment.

Options for town officer email addresses were discussed with no action taken.

Mr. Peterson moved to table appointment of a Cemetery Commissioner to fill the seat left open at Town Meeting until the board can identify who is willing to serve, seconded by Mr. Young. The matter will be placed on the March 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Ms. Kellogg asked that a town dump truck be parked at the Town Office for disposal of Green Up bags as done in years past. Motion by Mr. Young to approve, second by Mr. Peterson and approved.

Liquor License renewals for Scampy's and the West Charleston Corner Store were presented for approval. Motion by Mr. Young to approve, second by Mr. Peterson, and the forms were approved and signed.

## OLD BUSINESS

The town's application for a PACIF safety grant was amended by PACIF to reflect a new requested amount of \$4788, rather than \$5882, which reflects the lowest quote for the garage chimney repair with no contingency costs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

March 26<sup>th</sup>: Selectboard annual financial meeting with VTrans at 8:00 am at the Town Office

Seeing no other business, Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Young, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 28th day of March, 2019:

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston