

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 5/23/19**

MINUTES

Attending: Chair Glenn Peterson, Selectpersons Peter Moskovites and Larry Young; Resident Amanda Farley; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chair, Glenn Peterson.

Motion by Mr. Moskovites to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young, and approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Property owner Ron Kolar sent an email request to fix a culvert on Camp Winape Road. According to the Road Foreman, the culvert is currently conveying water, but it will be looked at again and the situation reviewed later this summer.

Cole Road resident Connie Lindahl called to complain about ditching work damaging her driveway and would like a call back. It is the board's understanding that this is a second driveway to her property, and it does not have an appropriate culvert as per town policy, in which case she may need to install a culvert if she wishes to maintain this access. Selectboard members would like the Road Foreman to return her call to explain the policy, if the lack of culvert is the problem.

Motion by Mr. Moskovites to table the discussion of Bly Farm Road until after New Business, seconded by Mr. Peterson and the matter was tabled.

ROAD REPORT

Checking in about the status of general road maintenance, board members reported that the grader had been out that day, and that applying chloride is a priority. It was suggested that grading progress be monitored with a checklist to know when all roads have been graded and how much work was needed on each.

NEW BUSINESS

Route 105 resident Katherine Bastien sent an email request for a reduced speed limit sign in front of her house. Given that this is a state-maintained highway, board members felt it best that she speak with VTrans about her options first. Ms. Kellogg will give her VTrans' contact information.

Resident Mike Gonyaw is willing to serve as the town's NVDA board representative, since the Town Clerk is unable to attend NVDA meetings. Motion by Mr. Peterson to appoint Mr. Gonyaw, seconded by Mr. Moskovites, and appointed. Ms. Kellogg will contact Mr. Gonyaw to find out his interests and how he might keep the board informed.

Due to the Monday holiday, the May 28th Road Commissioner meeting to sign orders will be held at 10:00 am.

Since the garage furnace is not in use, board members would like the Road Foreman to contact Tardiff Plumbing & Heating to schedule the chimney repair work. Ms. Kellogg also reported that a PACIF Insurance safety grant was awarded so the town will be eligible for partial reimbursement.

Regarding an Aquatic Nuisance grant for the greeter program at Echo Lake, a request form to subcontract the work to ELPA was presented for signing. Motion by Mr. Young to approve, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved.

Regarding board action on Bly Farm Road, Mr. Moskovites made a motion to proceed on issuing a permit for reasonable access to the Maxwells, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and followed by discussion of what action should be taken. A suggestion was made to ask landowners to move obstacles from the town right of way within a certain timeframe, otherwise the town will move them. Board members would like to review any potential action with the town attorney first. Board members will report back after contacting landowners and the town attorney.

There were no bills or orders to review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The state of Vermont will hold a Community Planning for Disaster Recovery course in Waterbury on June 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held June 13th at 7:00 pm. There is a Planning Commission meeting immediately before at 6:30 pm.

Approved this 13th day of June, 2019:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston