

**Town of Charleston  
Selectboard Meeting 6/27/19**

MINUTES

Attending: Chair Glenn Peterson, Selectperson Larry Young; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Chair, Glenn Peterson.

Regarding roadside mowing around Echo Lake, Mr. Young made a motion to amend the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes to add the following language, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved:  
*Selectboard members asked Steve Gratton to report back to the board with the measured width and location of a widening area of Echo Lake Rd. The board also asked him to poll residents of the road who don't live close to the lake about their support for curtailed mowing. Regarding Mr. Peterson's conversation with the town's mowing vendor, it was clarified that he will skip mowing the lakeside of the road only.*

Next week, Ms. Kellogg will send a letter to Mr. Gratton clarifying these points and asking him to make a report at the next board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved as amended.

There was no public comment.

ROAD REPORT

The Road Foreman reports that a Streeter Road project to upgrade culverts, ditches, and crown is complete, and the crew will start work on Town Farm Rd Monday. After that, they'll start a small grant project on Hinton Hill Rd. The paving job looks good. He will contact the vendor to have them pave around an overlooked catch basin on Westmore Rd. It is his opinion that the apron of Hudson at 5A could have been shorter and thicker, which would last longer. The board would like to know from the contractor how many tons material was needed for Fontaine Rd.

Ms. Kellogg presented the final grant report on Streeter Road, which is complete except for one or two more photos. The report and cover letter were approved and signed by the Chair for submission on Monday.

A culvert replacement on Crawford Hill Rd may be a good project for the next Grants-in-Aid grant. The Road Foreman will discuss the project with program administrator Doug Morton of NVDA as well as potential contractors.

The town was awarded a Better Roads grant to replace a large culvert (6'-8') on Ten Mile Square Rd, and VTrans is working with the state stream engineer on project specs. This would be a

combination of hired-out and town labor. Due to in-stream regulations, the project would have to be completed by October. Since there is time before plans are ready, the board will take time to review the project and budget before proceeding. Motion by Mr. Peterson to table the matter to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Young, and the matter was tabled.

Mr. Pepin asked to hire Gene Rollins as occasional traffic control flagger—a few hours will be needed next week. His job placement arrangement with the town is complete, and he has been a hard-working and enthusiastic crew member. Mr. Rollins completed flagger certification and is willing to work. Motion by Mr. Young to hire him on a trial basis for a few hours next week at \$13/hour, with further work subject to board review, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Board members present have received complaints about repeated, late-night fireworks at a home in West Charleston Village since Memorial Day. Motion by Mr. Peterson to send a letter to the homeowner accompanied by the town noise ordinance, seconded by Mr. Young and approved. Ms. Kellogg will have the letter ready for signing on Tuesday.

A completed 'Financial Management Questionnaire - Town and Cities' was submitted to the board by the Town Treasurer per new state law. Motion by Mr. Peterson to receive and sign the form, seconded by Mr. Young and approved.

The town has received a copy of the new Town Road and Bridge Standards from VT AOT, which is tied to state road aid. Municipalities are strongly encouraged to adopt standards prior to August 1st. Motion by Mr. Peterson to table the matter until the next meeting to allow for full-board review, seconded by Mr. Young, and the matter was tabled.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Regarding an open request for a reduced speed limit sign on 105 near 5A, motion by Mr. Young to table the matter until Mr. Moskovites can report back on his conversation with VTrans, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Bills and Orders were approved for payment.

Seeing no other business, there was a motion by Mr. Peterson to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Young, and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 11th at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 11th day of July, 2019:

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston