

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 8/22/19**

MINUTES

Attending: Chair Glenn Peterson, Selectpersons Larry Young and Peter Moskovites; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Residents Alan & Judith Davis; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Glenn Peterson, Chair. Motion by Mr. Young to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Moskovites and approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Davis came about a notice they received from the town and to find out why items must be removed from the right-of-way of Bly Farm Rd. The Chair said the state is coming down on the town about allowing residents' access to be blocked. Mr. Moskovites said the Maxwell/Letourneau family has requested access, and the town has a right to grant access. There was a discussion of court proceedings, and Mrs. Davis shared photos of objects in the right of way over past years. Mr. Davis reports that plowed snow has blocked the milk in the past, that parked vehicles stick out into the ROW, and said he wants a clear boundary between him and neighbors. There was a discussion of what constitutes reasonable access. Mr. Moskovites said the first step is to move the stuff, then there can be a conversation about next steps, and he hopes the Davises will be part of that discussion. Discussion of how road width could be improved and culvert needs. Board members will visit the site Tuesday morning to plan removal of objects.

ROAD REPORT

Bernie met with NVDA today, and the culvert on Crawford Hill Rd at Dane Hill Rd that needs replacing would be an eligible project for the Grants-in-Aid program. Discussion of the grant details and work that is needed on this road segment. JBL Hauling & Excavating can fit in the project, and the board authorized Mr. Pepin to move forward with the project in 2019. He also discussed the Road Erosion Inventory with NVDA, and it should be finished by the end of September. He noted that the MRGP requirements are hard on towns, and another comment period is coming up at the 3-year mark. He hopes the board will speak out. The crew has been putting up winter sand and is almost done.

Recent ditching work on East Echo Lake Rd near Morgan-Charleston Rd was discussed due to two complaints. Bernie said he had checked a cross-culvert there, the outlet of which was buried under two feet of material, so he cleared the culvert and ditch. He said it looks different now because it had been full and maintenance deferred for 15 years. He also said he would be seeding the ditch to prevent erosion. Board members had visited the site and agree that the work was done according to the standards of the town's Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP).

A letter was reviewed concerning a culvert replaced on Camp Winape Rd. Some area residents feel there isn't enough material over the culvert. Board members noted that an electric line is buried too shallow below the road and limits burial of the culvert, and the culvert could probably be realigned if property owners were willing to move the electric service. Mr. Pepin reports that the culvert is conveying water as it should, and the material coverage is adequate for now. The letter also mentioned Barneys' Pebble Road, which the board notes is a private road and the town requires that it be slightly lower to turn water into the ditch.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Moskovites to approve an event liquor permit for Eden Ciders, seconded by Mr. Peterson. The permit received majority approval, with Mr. Young abstaining to avoid any conflict concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

Vermont AOT has received the town's request for an extension of the reduced speed zone near West Charleston Village and will take up the matter at a public meeting this winter—date to be announced.

Bills and orders were approved for payment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Government Municipal Day trainings will take place this October in Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and other regions. Contact VT ANR for details.

Seeing no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 pm. There will be a Planning Commission meeting immediately preceding at 6:30 pm.

Approved this 12th day of September, 2019:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston