

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 9/12/19**

MINUTES

Attending: Chair Glenn Peterson, Selectpersons Larry Young and Peter Moskovites; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Landowner Ivan Maxwell; 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 Glenn Peterson, Chair. Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Maxwell was present to discuss access to his family's properties on Bly Farm Road. He said removing obstacles was a good step but reports that there are still piles of dirt in the ROW, which his family doesn't feel they have the authority to move. He asked if the town was working on a town highway access policy, and said his family hopes to have the access they had before. He showed photos from previous decades to demonstrate the historical size of driveway accesses in four locations: Bly house, shop, Maxwell house, and field—Mr. Davis has a deeded ROW through the latter. Regarding the Bly house, he said the wider the access the more room they'll have to keep snow well out of the ROW. The board borrowed two photos for their reference.

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Pepin reports that winter sand has been put up. They completed ditching and drainage work on Durgin Rd and started the Better Roads project on Ten Mile Square Rd. A grant project to replace the culvert at the bottom of Crawford Hill Rd is next.

NEW BUSINESS

- School Board Director Pat Austin has requested that the town post school zone signs on either end of Center School Rd. Mr. Pepin said they could be added to the speed limit posts to save cost. Ms. Kellogg will get sign prices and report back.
- Batchelder Rd was not discussed because the interested landowner was not present.
- Tripp Hill Rd landowners have informed Mr. Pepin that the road needs ditches and a culvert cleaned out—an estimated half-day's work. Landowners have been installing gravel at their own expense and cannot do more. Mr. Pepin agrees drainage work is needed. Selectboard members agreed to authorize up to a day's work.
- Martin Davis has informed the Town Clerk that he does not plan to continue as Health Officer when his appointment ends on 1/31/2020. He hopes to give the board time to find someone interested in the office.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was discussion of removing dirt from the right of way of Bly Farm Rd. Board members agreed that the highway crew will scrape the berm from the ROW according to highway standards and will not work outside the ROW. Road maintenance was also

discussed. Before taking action on highway access, board members agreed to plan a future site visit to the four areas.

- Camp Winape property owners Mr. Kolar and Mr. Antonelli sent emails with concerns that a new culvert installed on Camp Winape Rd at Barneys Pebble Rd doesn't have enough cover material. Mr. Pepin said safe practice prevents him from excavating below underground warning tape, so the culvert had to be set well above the underground utility. He made a point to work the material uphill from the culvert so coverage at culvert is adequate for normal travel. Landowners also report that the ditch is too deep, and water is pooling below the culvert inlet. Mr. Pepin anticipates that erosion from Barneys Pebble Rd will fill the inlet ditch over time, and he doesn't want this to plug the culvert. Board members agreed to visit the site together on Tuesday morning of the following week.

There were no bills or orders to review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeing no other business, the Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 26th day of September, 2019:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston