

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 9/26/19**

MINUTES

Attending: Chair Glenn Peterson, Selectpersons Larry Young and Peter Moskovites; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Landowner Dan Lussier; Reno Gervais and Stacey Roese of Brighton Snowmobile Club; 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 September 12, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Moskovites and approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dan Lussier, property owner on Batchelder Rd, requested that the road be reclassified to a Trail to avoid motor vehicle access to anyone other than landowners. Over the last 2-3 years, he has seen garbage and tires dumped, and someone shot two bear cubs and left them. He presented a letter of support from abutting landowner Jackson Allen. Mr. Young made a motion to initiate the reclassification hearing process, seconded by Mr. Moskovites and approved unanimously. Ms. Kellogg will gather information so the board can proceed at the next meeting.
- Brighton Snowmobile Club requested to use about 100 feet of Twin Bridges Rd and another 1000 feet of Hudson Rd to avoid the Levin property. The route would be signed as always. Longer term, they are working on a reroute to get off Hudson Rd, but that will not happen this winter. Mr. Peterson moved to grant permission to use this area, seconded by Mr. Young and approved unanimously. Mr. Gervais said the planned reroute would end up on Charleston Town Forest property where it would use an existing skidder trail, and he asked how the town would feel about permitting use of that land.

ROAD REPORT

Mr. Pepin asked if the office staff could provide a tally of material crushed/harvested from the Barton pit since the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

- The listers submitted a contract with Russell Graphics to produce the 2021 Tax Maps at the current price, with their recommendation. Mr. Moskovites made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved.
- Following up on the Batchelder discussion, the Road Foreman suggests considering other roads that might need reclassification, including Class 4 roads or Class 3 roads with tough turnarounds or that are like driveways. Mr. Moskovites will collect information about Class 4 roads to review, and the board will include a 15-minute check-in about this in future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- School zone signs will cost just under \$22 each. Motion by Mr. Young to purchase three, seconded by Mr. Peterson and approved. Ms. Kellogg will place the order.
- The Town's Road Erosion Inventory was discussed included number of segments completed, how many do not meet state standards, and what the requirements might mean for maintenance and budget. There was some interest in a 'Mandated Maintenance' expense account. The board and Foreman scheduled a meeting with Doug Morton, who is consulting on the inventory, for October 8th at 8:45 am.
- Dirt piles have been removed from the Bly Farm Rd ROW, and landowners are aware that the Selectboard is looking to take action on access. At a future meeting, there will be more discussion of access and how the town can have an access policy.
- Mr. Moskovites moved to approve a draft Charleston Coffee notice about the upcoming Town Health Officer opening, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and approved.
- Mr. Peterson reports that he spoke with Constable Jon Bruce, and Mr. Bruce will take police academy training in February.

Bills and Orders were approved for payment.

The Chair called for executive session at 8:37 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Session ended at 8:49 pm with no action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A list of upcoming VLCT trainings was reviewed.
- Ms. Kellogg was asked to register Mr. Peterson and Mr. Pepin for the PACIF Reasonable Suspicion Training on Oct 24th in Waterbury.
- The Clean Diesel Grant will be revisited in 2020 for possible assistance with loader replacement.
- Board members asked Ms. Kellogg to bring the model Conflict of Interest policy to the next meeting for review and possible adoption.
- Board members do not plan to attend State Government Municipal Day.

Seeing no other business, the Chair adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 10th day of October, 2019:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston