

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 1/9/2020**

MINUTES

Attending: Selectpersons Larry Young and Peter Moskovites; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Town Clerk Teri Gray; 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 Peter Moskovites. Mr. Moskovites was nominated Selectboard Chair by Mr. Young and elected Chair until Town Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Moskovites to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Young and approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Mr. Moskovites to place the following appropriation requests on the town meeting warning—for organizations that received the same amount in 2019—seconded by Mr. Young and approved: Charleston Historical Society (\$500); Echo Lake Protective Association (\$1000); Island Pond Library (\$700); NEK Human Services (\$1074); Umbrella (\$700).
- A letter to VT Dept of Taxes—drafted by the Listers to appeal the town’s CLA due to a property sale they determine should be excluded from the sales study—was reviewed, approved by board members, and signed by the chair.
- Charleston’s Certificate of Mileage must be approved and submitted to VTrans by February 20th. Board members will review the highway map and mileage before the next meeting. The matter was tabled until the January 23rd meeting by agreement of members.
- The Treasurer presented documents for the 2020 non-arbitrage tax-anticipation loan in the amount of \$167,000. Motion by Mr. Moskovites to approve the documents, seconded by Mr. Young and approved and signed by board members.

OLD BUSINESS

- The 2020 Contract with Newport Ambulance was approved and signed.
- Discussion of working drafts of the proposed 2020 town budget and town meeting warning was continued from the 6:00 pm work session. The Treasurer will update the documents for final review and adoption at the January 23rd meeting.

- VT Dept of Health looks for recommendations for a Town Health Officer. The board has not heard of anyone who is interested and the matter was tabled. The vacancy will be announced at town meeting.
- Regarding the VLCT Model Resolution on Cannabis regulation, Mr. Young moved the town take no action, seconded by Mr. Moskovites and approved. The matter is closed.
- VTrans has made a final decision to not extend the West Village 35 MPH zone past Route 5A as requested by a resident. VTrans did find that the initial 35 MPH sign on the west end of the village was incorrectly placed and will be moved further toward Derby.
- There was no discussion on Class 4 Roads or Bly Farm Rd.
- The town dog kennel can be picked up from the Langmaid's yard anytime. Mr. Pepin agreed to pick it up in the spring.

Bills and orders were approved for payment.

Seeing no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 23rd day of January, 2020:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston