

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 5/27/2021**

MINUTES

Attending: Selectpersons Peter Moskovites, Larry Young, and Patrick Austin; Property Owners Terry & Dave O'Brien; Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg; and guest Michael Flynn.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Peter Moskovites, Chair. Mr. Young moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Austin and unanimously approved. There was no Road Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry O'Brien and son Dave were present to discuss a cross-road culvert that drains from a meadow across the road onto their property at 489 West Echo Lake Rd. Their shore wall at Echo Lake is failing because there is too much surface water draining onto their property. It's a small culvert—10 to 12 inches—which conveys water in spring and comes thundering down during storms. They request that it be plugged. Mr. Austin said that allowing water to collect on the upslope side of the road would likely not comply with state standards. The culvert is undersized, so when the town does work in that area, they would be required to replace it with at least an 18" to adequately handle large storms. Mr. Moskovites said that the board will need to visit the site and check with state officials. The matter will be put on the next agenda for further review.

Ms. Kellogg said that at a recent meeting of the Cemetery Commission, members discussed a dead tree that needs to be removed, located in the ROW near Hillside Cemetery on Church Hill Rd. Mr. Young will contact Commission Chair Sherman Allen for more information and to see what coordination may be needed with the highway crew.

OLD BUSINESS

Bids for paving Center School Rd were received from Pike Industries and Grays Paving, with total bid prices as follows:

Worksheet #	Gray's Paving	Pike Industries
Quote 1 - Repave	\$60,900.00	\$63,147.50
Quote 2 – Reclaim & Pave	\$90,895.00	\$88,052.50
Quote 3 – Additional Paving	\$34,020.00	\$38,535.00

Board members agreed that additional paving to the bridge could not happen due to overall budget, since voters authorized the expenditure of \$50,000 of the 2020 highway surplus for this purpose, and even basic paving will require additional funds. Mr. Young said reclaiming probably lasts longer, but even the first repaving option is over budget. He also added that recent paving projects on Hudson Rd and Durgin Rd involved filling and paving over existing pavement, and those have held up well. Current town work to cut back road shoulders will also help pavement last. Mr. Moskovites said he is leaning toward repaving, which will involve

patching, shim coat, and then hot mix. Mr. Austin moved to award the Quote 1 Repaving job to Gray's Paving for a total price of \$60,900, seconded by Mr. Young. The Clerk will notify Gray's and ask them to contact the highway foreman to make sure the town has time to complete shoulder work and to dig up and fill with gravel a site near 105 where a buried object breaks through the pavement. Ideally, work will be done between mid-June and mid-August. Vote result: unanimously approved.

Mr. Moskovites said he was notified that Vermont State Police responded to a situation where Alan Davis parked equipment on Bly Farm Rd so as to block entrance/exit to the home of Daniel & Alice Letourneau. VSP asked Mr. Davis to move equipment, and he complied. Board members asked Ms. Kellogg to obtain a police report for more information about the issue—was it blocking the ROW or traveled portion of road. On a related matter, Mr. Davis has dug into the earth near 27 Bly Farm Rd and damaged town highway maintenance work. Board members discussed who is financially responsible for such damage, and suggested a conversation with the town attorney may be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

A Better Roads grant to ditch and replace culverts on Mad Brook Rd was awarded. Work must be complete and submitted for reimbursement by June 30, 2022.

Six Highway and Selectboard orders totaling \$37,968.05 were approved unanimously and signed by both board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

- An Ad for bids to replace the garage roof will be run again next week in the Chronicle and in the two dailies for four days.
- Selectboard members reviewed information about hydro-seeder purchase and rental options. The board is not interested in purchasing, but the Clerk will advise the foreman that rental is available.
- Selectboard members received information about ARPA funds that will be distributed to Charleston and the eligible uses of these funds. Towns must create a spending plan by December 31, 2024, and funds must be spent by December 31, 2026. The town has not been notified of the award amount, but half of it will be deposited in May or June 2021, according to VLCT. The board will begin the planning process at a later meeting.

The Chair called for Executive Session at 6:57 pm to discuss attorney communication. Session ended at 7:17 pm with no action taken.

Seeing no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Approved this 10th day of June 2021:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston