

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 6/10/2021**

MINUTES

Attending: Selectpersons Peter Moskovites, Larry Young, and Patrick Austin; Road Foreman Bernie Pepin; Town Attorney William Davies; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

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. Austin moved to enter Executive Session to consult with the town attorney, seconded by Mr. Young, approved unanimously, and Executive Session began at 6:02 pm. Session ended at 6:53 pm. Board members discussed damage done by Alan Davis to recent maintenance/improvements on Bly Farm Rd, with no action taken.

Mr. Moskovites moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Austin and unanimously approved. There was no public comment.

ROAD REPORT

- Mr. Pepin said the crew is done with chloride. He expects to finish Center School Rd this week then move on to Mad Brook Rd. Stu Johnson of Vermont Local Roads is doing one-on-one trainings with Grader Operators, and was able to work with Kiki. Stu said that Kiki learned “old school” compared to newer practices, but also said that Charleston has one of the better operators around. Mr. Johnson sees MRGP requirements improving things generally, but they can create tension.
- Board members unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Pepin to get prices-per-yard to harvest gravel from the Barton pit floor from a couple of contractors who have crushed there. Mr. Pepin said the work will involve handling material at least one additional time as well as pumping. Mr. Pepin will report back with prices so the Selectboard can decide how to proceed.
- Mr. Pepin asked about plans to put a \$50,000 road equipment appropriation in the budget now that the pit is paid for. This was not in the 2021 budget because a road surplus was used instead, but the matter will be discussed at budget time.

OLD BUSINESS

- Attendees discussed when the town will dig the object from under Center School Rd to prepare for paving. Ms. Kellogg will remind Gray’s to contact the Foreman asap to discuss timing of the project.
- Selectboard members held a mandatory pre-bid meeting for garage roof replacement on Monday the 7th, with contractor Nate Shover attending. Mr. Austin said that when attendees inspected the roof, their conclusion was that fixing the ridge cap and stove pipe and insulating would be a budget-friendly option that would make a huge difference. The contractor will provide prices on this option as well as the full re-roof. No decision needed until prices and options are known.

- A Better Roads grant agreement for ditching and culverts on Mad Brook Rd was reviewed and signed by the chair for submission to the state.
- Regarding the O'Brien request to remove or plug a cross-culvert on West Echo Lake Rd, board members had a chance to inspect the site. Mr. Austin said that if the culvert was not there, the town would be required to put one in to convey stormwater to the other side of the road and keep the road from washing out. He also noted that the culvert outlet is partially filled and will need to be cleaned out. He said he was not in favor of removing the culvert, and all board members agreed. Ms. Kellogg will let the property owner know their decision and also share some information about the LakeWise program, which provides information about planting and other strategies for lakeshore owners.
- There was no further discussion of Bly Farm Rd.
- Mr. Young spoke with Sherman Allen, Cemetery Commissioner, and removal of a dead tree on Church Hill Rd is being coordinated amongst the road crew and Duane Moulton, who will move his nearby fence beforehand

NEW BUSINESS

- Board members reviewed an invitation to apply for a SFY2022 state MRGP Grants-in-Aid grant. Mr. Austin moved to sign and submit the Letter of Intent, seconded by Mr. Moskovites, and unanimously approved and signed.
- The Town must authorize an official to submit a request for ARPA funds. Mr. Austin moved to authorize Treasurer Teri Gray to submit the request and act on the Town's behalf, seconded by Mr. Moskovites and unanimously approve.
- The Town Fire Warden's term is ended and must be reappointed. Mr. Austin moved to reappoint Blair Moulton as Town Fire Warden, seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Six Highway and Selectboard orders totaling \$30,768.00 were approved unanimously and signed by all board members.

Mr. Austin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young, and approved, with adjournment at 7:27 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm. There will be a meeting of the Planning Commission immediately preceding at 5:30 pm.

Approved this 24th day of June 2021:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston