

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Meeting 01/27/2022**

MINUTES

Attending: Selectpersons Patrick Austin, Peter Moskovites and Larry Young; Town Clerk & Treasurer Teri Gray; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

*THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Patrick Austin, Chair. The following business was added to the original agenda under old business: Sign Permit applications for Ten Mile Square Rd culvert.

Peter Moskovites moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting as written, seconded by Larry Young and unanimously approved. There was no public comment.

#### ROAD REPORT

Mr. Austin said that Ted Aldrich is willing to work full-time and wants to continue learning to operate the grader. The Chair asked the Clerk to update Mr. Aldrich's position and job description as a full-time, permanent Skilled Driver/Laborer with added duties of grader training and operation.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Board members reviewed a letter to Ten Mile Square Rd landowners asking them if they want to keep trees and brush that have been cut from the road right-of-way by the highway crew. Mr. Moskovites moved to approve sending the letter as written, seconded by Mr. Austin and approved.
- Applications for Vermont Stream Alteration and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permits were signed by the Chair.
- Board members would like to hear from Bernie Pepin about the status of 2022 roadside mowing and whether or not the vendor has been secured. The Chair asked the Clerk to put the matter on the next meeting agenda so it can be settled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A highway crew job application was received from Jake Ovitt and will be kept on file, since there are no open positions at the moment.
- The Echo Lake Protective Association plans to hold the Echo Lake Color Challenge fundraiser July 3<sup>rd</sup> along West Echo Lake Rd with parking provided on the Wilson's lawn. With no objections from board members, Mr. Austin moved to approve the event, seconded by Mr. Moskovites and approved.
- Mr. Austin will talk with Currie Construction about door replacement and further insulation in the highway garage and have ballpark numbers for the next meeting.

Two Selectboard orders totaling \$11,146.34 and two Highway orders totaling \$6,109.91 were approved unanimously and signed by all members.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

- Ms. Kellogg reported that all 30 Charleston streetlights have been upgraded to LED, as authorized by the board in March 2021. With a rebate of \$3000 through Efficiency Vermont, the net cost to the town is \$2,250, which will be recovered through savings over 32 months.
- Vermont Dept of Taxes has received the Town's request for redetermination of CLA and COD and will contact the Town.
- A letter received from Vermont Office of Legislative Council provides links to the latest Reapportionment maps and deadlines for BCA comment/alternative proposals. Mr. Moskovites said that Charleston, Morgan, and Holland are now being combined with Essex County, and one could argue that Charleston is oriented West and should be with Derby or Brownington.

- FEMA public assistance for COVID Reopening and Emergency Costs has been extended to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Charleston has not had any eligible expenses.
- Mr. Austin restated board interest in finding someone willing to serve as Town Health Officer.

Seeing no other business, Mr. Austin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Moskovites, and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022:

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston