

Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 10/11/2022

MINUTES

Attending: Selectpersons Peter Moskovites and Larry Young; Property Owner Jodi Gonyaw-Worth; and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The meeting was called to order at 5:57 pm by Peter Moskovites, Vice Chair. With agreement, Mr. Moskovites moved the VEC ROW request to the top of Old Business. Also added under New Business: Personnel Evaluations planning, Budget planning, and ARPA discussion.

Peter Moskovites moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting as written, seconded by Larry Young and unanimously approved. With the Foreman absent, there was no Road Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Jodi Gonyaw-Worth owns property accessible from Buck Brook Rd and request approval for a VEC ROW Occupancy Request, which will allow power poles to be replaced and moved into the road ROW and power to be run underground so their family can build on the property. Colleen Kellogg received written approval for the location from the Highway Foreman about the location. Ms. Gonyaw-Worth described the location and plans to the board. Poles will be moved from the field near the Wilson/Woodfall house to the right-of-way beside the road, and power will be run under the road to cross the road (and remain underground to the house). Larry Young asked if consideration was given to sleeving cable under road so any future maintenance would not require excavation. Mr. Moskovites moved to approve the ROW request with the stipulation that cable be sleeved, with second by Mr. Young and approved. The form was signed and will be given to Ms. Gonyaw-Worth when she gets VEC assurance about the sleeve.
- Mr. Moskovites has worked with the Town Clerk to research cell phone plan options for the Foreman Bernie Pepin. The matter was tabled until Mr. Pepin could be involved in the decision.
- Discussion of Grader purchase planning was tabled until the Foreman and full board could be present.
- An update of maintenance work on Class 4 roads was reviewed. Since work is complete for the year, no more updates are needed.
- Discussion of Garage/Office Generator was tabled until Pat Austin was present to provide an update.
- The new guardrail installed on Ten Mile Square Rd has been repositioned according to specs. The job is complete, has been paid for, and the town has been reimbursed for the grant award amount.
- The Town will continue a propane contact through October 2023 with Bourne's Energy because they offered the best price. The board will touch base with the school earlier in 2023 to see about a combined bid for town and school.
- VTrans Derby Office agreed to visit the East Echo Lake Rd potential highway project site to help come up with a doable improvement project to prevent erosion and will meet with Bernie Pepin.
- There appears to be an error on the highway map regarding the numbering of part of Calhoun Rd and classification of Stillwater Pond Rd. The matter was tabled until the full board can review the matter.

- Mr. Moskvoites was contacted by resident Peg Maxwell with a complaint about her neighbor Alan Davis' behavior, removing erosion stone placed by the town and damaging a tree. She wants the town to do something. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the full board to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Selectboard will complete personnel evaluations at the next meeting. Ms. Kellogg will have Bernie Pepin complete evaluation forms for the highway crew before the meeting.
- A current 2022 budget status report was distributed. 2022 and 2023 budgets will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The board will revisit possible 2022 ARPA funds expenditures at the next meeting.

Three Selectboard orders totaling \$10,217.22 and six Road orders totaling \$31,479.48 were approved unanimously and signed by all members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

- Charleston's revised Dog Ordinance, which reduces the hold time from 10 to 5 days, took effect September 23rd.
- Vermont House Candidate Peggy Stevens will attend the October 27th meeting to introduce herself and hear any concerns from the Selectboard.

Peter Moskovites called for Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, which began at 6:36 pm and ended at 6:38 with no action taken.

Seeing no other business, Mr. Moskovites moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young, and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Approved this 27th day of October 2022:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston