

**Town of Charleston**  
**Selectboard Special Meeting 01/19/2023**

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 special meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Patrick Austin, Chair. As an addition to the agenda, Mr. Austin asked the board to take up their response regarding the compost complaint brought up at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as because the problem requires urgent action. Ms. Kellogg said the Town Clerk had a preliminary draft of the town meeting warning for review, with approval at the next meeting.

**2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

A draft of the proposed 2023 Town budget as updated at the January 12<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting was presented for approval. Peter Moskovites moved to approve the budget as written, seconded by Larry Young. Discussion: Individual line items were discussed, and board members agreed with the need to increase funds budgeted for Parts & Repairs and Road Signs. With no further changes to the budget, Patrick Austin moved to approve the town's 2023 proposed budget with total expenditures of \$935,658.56. The motion was seconded by Larry Young and approved by all members. The town meeting warning will be updated with the final budget numbers and approved at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**COMPOST ON CRAWFORD HILL**

As an update, Mr. Austin said that the NEKWMD had sent a registered hauler list to the town office that still included the company operated by the Crawford Hill Rd property owners. Mr. Austin spoke to the WMD and was told the company is no longer registered, but the new list is not ready yet. The town office was contacted today by Frank Erickson from ANR Solid Waste Management program who is investigating a complaint about Roger French & Kathleen Lyford. Board members reviewed a draft letter to Josh Kelly, ANR Solid Waste Management program, notifying him of the company's violations and requesting enforcement action. Peter Moskovites moved to sign and send the letter with copies to Compliance Section Supervisor Barb Schwendtner and to NEKWMD Director Paul Tomasi. The motion was seconded by Larry Young and approved.

Seeing no other business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023:

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