

**Town of Charleston
Selectboard Meeting 5/8/2025**

MINUTES

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Patrick Austin, Chair. Also attending: Selectpersons Tim Jenness (TJ) and Terry Rollins (TR); Road Foreman Wendell Hastings (WH); and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg (CK).

Under additions to the agenda, CK will add a couple of new announcements when the board gets to those. A motion to approve the April 24th meeting minutes was made by TJ and seconded by TR. The minutes were approved as written with no discussion. There was no public comment.

ROAD REPORT

- WH said all roads are now unposted. Signs and notices have been taken down. Jordan road is about the worst road right now, but roads are generally good. The crew has been ditching on Ten Mile Square Rd to prepare for this year's Grants-in-Aid project.
- The concrete pad for chloride tanks is complete, and the tanks will be placed as chloride tanks are emptied.
- JBL completed work to install a 48" culvert on Hudson Rd as part of storm restoration/mitigation. The culvert was installed in the same location as the previous, which did not align well with the stream, so additional work was approved by the Foreman to reshape the bank and armor it with stone. This work added \$1,487 to the estimated cost.
- A culvert on Durgin Rd was changed in preparation for paving. The surface was left high so it will pack down before paving.
- WH asked Eric Pope about a 48" culvert on Hinton Hill Rd that couldn't handle stormwater in July '24, leading to the worst washout. The structure would be eligible for a state structures grant, so Pope will review the site and get back to the town with hydraulic analysis and grant details.
- CK is setting up an appointment for the ANR River Management Engineer to look at Bridge 4 on Hudson Rd with WH and VTrans. The town is seeking permission to dredge and armor the stream after last year's flood damage.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- A 'Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending' for the 2024 Grand List was received from the town Listers in advance of the 2025 Grand List. PA moved to accept and sign the Certificate. The motion was seconded by TJ and approved. It will be filed by the Clerk with the 2024 Grand List.
- PA made a motion to grant a Marine Permit to Kingdom Games for the Echo Lake Swim on August 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by TR and approved.
- WH received two estimates for paving the highway yard and Clerk's office parking areas, basically from Route 105 back to the fuel tanks behind the garage. He said it would be possible to cut the job in half and pave as far as the grass berm between the office and

garage. Estimates were \$55,775 and \$65,700 from Pike and All Things Asphalt, respectively. Meeting attendees walked outside briefly to look at the area. TR suggests doing the whole job but would feel more comfortable moving ahead if he was sure that FEMA reimbursement will come this year. TJ leaned toward only doing the bottom half for budget reasons. WH is working with the Clerk to have the downstairs door replaced and proposed a plan for the crew to pour a new concrete sidewalk along the building to improve drainage and make the downstairs entrance accessible. The Chair asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal issue, and the motion was made by TJ and seconded by TR. Executive Session began at 6:22 pm, ended at 6:27 with no action, and discussion resumed. The Chair asked members about their views on doing all or part of the work. CK suggested the board clarify possible sources of funds with the Treasurer if they do the whole job. PA suggested the board table the matter until the next meeting for further consideration, and all agreed. The Chair will reach out to Treasurer Teri Gray.

Three Selectboard Orders totaling \$11,503.28 and three Road Orders totaling \$26,743.44 were approved unanimously and signed by all members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CK reminded board members of a BCA meeting at 5:30 pm on May 22nd. TJ agreed to be on call to make sure a quorum is present.

Seeing no other business, TR made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by TJ, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Approved this 22nd day of May 2025:

Selectboard, Town of Charleston