

**Town of Charleston  
Selectboard Meeting 6/11/2026**

MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chair Pat Austin (PA). Present were Selectpersons Tim Jenness (TJ) and Terry Rollins (TR); Road Foreman Wendell Hastings (WH); Planning Commission Chair John Kellogg (JK); and Selectboard Clerk Colleen Kellogg (CK).

TJ moved to approve the May 28, 2026 meeting minutes as written. PA seconded the motion, which carried.

JK presented a working draft of the updated Town Plan and reviewed the required notification periods and hearing schedule, which will allow the Selectboard to adopt the plan in October. He noted that the primary changes address state-required language on land use, energy, housing, and flood resilience for approval by NVDA and the Land Use Review Board.

PA moved to approve the 2026 Town Plan Adoption Process/Schedule as presented. TJ seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Planning Commission's next quarterly meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 pm, with the Public Hearing on the Town Plan immediately preceding it at 5:00 pm.

The Board reviewed an email from Mt. Bess property owner Christine Schueler requesting that Mt. Bess Road be renamed Mt. Bless Road.

#### ROAD REPORT

- WH reported that Justin Taft is removing trees in the Barton pit.
- The crew has made good progress on East Echo Lake Rd, completing ditching to the Morgan line. They have hauled 87 loads of gravel there so far and improved segments that weren't up to required drainage standards. He expects another week there.
- Issues remain on East Echo Lake Road that may require a site visit, including a 24-inch cross culvert extended too far by a homeowner and a built-up driveway. WH will consult Eric Pope at VTrans for recommendations and report back. A larger 30-inch culvert may be needed further down the road, which would require cutting a few trees.
- Hinton Hill Rd property owner Scott Scelza requested that town equipment not turn around in his driveway. PA asked WH to ensure all highway crew members turn around at the top of the hill.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- The survey of the Barton gravel pit is complete. An abutting property owner raised a matter for Selectboard consideration. TJ moved to enter executive session; TR seconded. Executive Session began at 6:24 pm and ended at 6:34 pm with no action taken.
- CK reported that the inverter at the town solar array has been replaced. A suspected failed optimizer was a communications issue, and the work came in under estimate. The Selectboard requested a cost analysis of the array; CK will prepare it by year-end.

## NEW BUSINESS

CK reported that the town has contacted an attorney interested in providing municipal legal services. Board members asked her to determine whether the attorney can attend the next meeting to discuss options.

## BILLS & ORDERS

Two Selectboard Orders totaling \$42,439.74 and three Road Orders totaling \$21,808.53 were approved and signed by all members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The BCA will hold two events on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: a pre-election business meeting at 6:00 pm and a hearing on a property valuation appeal at 6:30 pm.
- VEC will conduct drone inspections of utility lines in the area during June and July.
- VLCT has produced a model Trails Ordinance.

Seeing no further business, TJ moved to adjourn; PA seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on June 25, 2026.

Approved this 25h day of June 2026:

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Selectboard, Town of Charleston