

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont
Goodnow Town Hall

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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Beth Bandy. Selectmen Sarah Reynolds and Toby Gould, along with Administrator Peg Dean, also attended the meeting. No one was absent.

1. At 7:00 P.M. a pole hearing was convened. The hearing was held upon a petition to place and replace poles on Harris Mountain Road. Bonnie Brown attended the hearing to represent National Grid. Abutter Michael Kempf also attended the hearing. Ms Brown explained that the area on Harris Mountain Road effected is where there is a long span between poles thus creating the lines to sag. To correct this, one additional pole will be installed to lessen the span length and 4 poles will be replaced at their existing locations. As there was no discussion or questions, the Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to close the hearing at 7:05 P.M. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to approve the installation and replacement of poles as requested.
2. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to approve and sign the payroll warrants, 12-21-15 minutes, FRCOG procurement contract for the Mountain Road bridge, the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Transfer Station Inspection Report and Corrective Action Form.
3. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to acknowledged the EMD memo regarding Suburban Propane, the FEMA Mountain Road Bridge time extension, a letter regarding repair of the Maxwell Road bridges, a copied letter from the Town of Washington to MBI, December's monthly reports from the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program, MassDOT bridge inspection reports.
4. The Board discussed the amount of funds remaining in the Town Counsel budget line item. The Board will discuss options for funding this line item with the Finance Committee during the meeting scheduled for January 15th.
5. The Board decided to hold an All Board Meeting on a Thursday in March, 2016. The Administrator will send out a doodle regarding which Thursday would be best for attendees.
6. EMD Michael Walsh attended the meeting to discuss the manner in which his e-mails are being sent. The Board suggested blind carbon copying the messages so addresses are not seen by all.
7. EMD Walsh left several EMD job descriptions from other entities with the Administrator for review by the Selectmen at a later date.
8. Mr. Gould suggested EMD Walsh discuss security of propane storage areas with Homeland Security or MEMA regarding regulations, before contacting the owners of such areas.
9. At 7:32 P.M. the Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to enter into executive session under reason # 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; and to return to open meeting after the executive session.
10. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:03 P.M.
11. Ms Bandy shared with Mr. Gould a draft letter to Representative Hogan regarding the struggles and statistics of the Charlemont ambulance service. Ms S Reynolds recused herself from this subject.

12. Finance Committee member Tom Campbell stated that revenue from a recreation tax could lower the tax rate and boost valuations of properties. The Board discussed the Towns need for additional revenue.
13. Ms Bandy stated that items that are needed to be addressed regarding the Ambulance Department are staffing and legislation. Ms. Gould will work on the Legislation with Finance Committee members Amy Wales and Tom Campbell and also work on the staffing issues. Finance Committee members will be asked if they are willing to work with Mr. Gould on the above issues during their joint meeting scheduled for January 15th.
14. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to defer to the January 25th meeting the following agenda items: Sex Offender bylaw, Solar Field at Old Dump, Hampshire Council of Governments/Community Choice Aggregation, Paying for Solid Waste Assessment, Town emails/contacts.
15. The Board reviewed the Brownsfield Phase 1 report regarding the Sherman properties. It was unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, that the report is spot on with its descriptions of the properties.
16. The Administrator was requested to provide a cost/revenue analysis on Friday, January 15th, of the accounts associated with payment for the Solid Waste District assessments.
17. The Board discussed several points that will be touched upon during the Bridge information meeting scheduled for January 12th. The Highway Superintendent will be asked for color bridge reports, a Town map showing the location of all bridges in Charlemont, and a list of all bridges in Charlemont in the order of repair/replace priority.
18. The Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to endorse a letter to MBI from Broadband Committee member Bob Handsaker.
19. The Board will discuss with the Finance Committee during their meeting on January 15th a Town response regarding the increase in the FY 2016 tax rate.
20. Ms Bandy will review the edited Volunteer Handbook.
21. At 9:15 P.M., the Board unanimously voted, Ms Bandy – yes, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Mr. Gould – yes, to enter into executive session under exemption #4: To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto; and to not enter back into open meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

This document is to be considered a draft until approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Documents reviewed by the Board

National Grid pole hearing petition
Payroll warrants
12-21-15 Selectmen's minutes
FRCOG procurement contract
FCSWMD Transfer Station inspection report and corrective action form
EMD memo
FEMA time extension
Letter regarding repair of the Maxwell Road bridges
Copied letter to MBI from the Town of Washington
FCCIP monthly reports
MassDOT bridge inspection reports
Brownsfield Phase 1 report for the Sherman properties