

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town of Charlemont
Goodnow Town Hall

January 17, 2023

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Select Board Chair Valentine Reid. Select Board member Jared Bellows and William Harker along with Administrator Sarah Reynolds, also attended the meeting. This meeting was conducted in person and via telephone conference.

1. Chairman Valentine Reid welcomed the newly elected Board members Jared Bellows and William Harker.
2. Administrator Sarah Reynolds reported:
 - The Town has received a \$500,000 Grant for deck repairs to the Long Bridge. Gill Engineering has submitted a proposal for the repairs and the Board will be asked to approve and sign the proposal later in the meeting.
 - The Fire Fighter Grant is re-opening and the Town is able to apply for a fire truck. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Bellows – yes, Mr. Harker – yes, Mr. Reid – yes to move forward with the application and the Chair to sign outside of a meeting.
 - The State has funds for Broadband Digital Equity and they are trying to figure out how to spend the funds. The Town authorized Laura Fulton to represent the Town regarding where funding is needed.
 - The Town was awarded a USDA grant to assist with the purchase of the ambulance along with pagers and a monitor. The award is \$145,937.00.
3. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Bellows – yes, Mr. Harker – yes, Mr. Reid – yes to elect Mr. Reid as Select Board Chair.
4. Liaisons positions were assigned.
5. Board meetings will continue on a 2-week schedule.
6. The Board will decide how to dedicate the 2022 Annual Town Report during their next meeting.
7. The Police Chief job description was tabled until the Board's next meeting.
8. The FRCOG DLTA requests were tabled until the next meeting.
9. The Board received copies of the Recall Committee's draft document. The Committee will be asked to attend the Board's next meeting to discuss the document.
10. The Board received a letter from the former Animal Inspector stating that he does not recommend Ed Hazel for the Animal Inspector position. The Board unanimously voted, Mr. Bellows – yes, Mr. Harker – yes, Mr. Reid – yes not to nominate Mr. Hazel for the position.
11. The Board received a response from the FRTA regarding a letter sent by Mr. Reid recommending the FRTA place signs where the bus stops to improve ridership. The letter was so noted.

12. The Board unanimously voted to approve/approve and sign:
 - Vendor warrant 2325 for \$40,899.61 and 2326 for \$20,993.50.
 - Payroll warrant 2326 for \$21,439.58 and 2327 for \$10,996.41.
 - Engineering services proposal from Gill Engineering for the Long Bridge
 - USDA Ambulance, pager and monitor grant for \$146,937.00.
 - The 1-3-23 Select Board minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

13. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

Kathy A Reynolds
Executive Secretary

This document is to be considered a draft until signed by the Select Board.

Documents viewed by the Board:

- Weekly warrants
- 1-3-23 Board meeting minutes
- Gill Engineering proposal
- USDA Grant
- DLTA requests
- Police Chief job description
- Letter from the FRTA
- Letter from the former Animal Inspector