

Minutes of The Charlemont Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday April 22, 2025, 6 pm at Charlemont Town Hall and Via Phone Conference.

Present: Jared Bellows, Kim Blakeslee and Valentine Reid. Also present was Sarah Reynolds

Agenda Items

- 1) The annual town meeting warrant was reviewed, there was discussion about article 19 and 20 Valentine Reid explained that there was a Selectboard policy about stabilization and free cash. Suggested that a percentage of free cash goes to stabilization as intended in the policy, when free cash number becomes available number can be filled in to the article. Article 8 was also discussed, currently mowing in both the East Charlemont and Village cemetery is being done as a donation, the money in the warrant can go toward the fixing of headstones, administrator to pursue a follow up quote for next town meeting. On a motion by Jared Bellows and second by Kim Blakslee the board unanimously voted to send the warrant to the town attorney for review
- 2) The Selectboard annual town report was discussed after some discussion about adding the flooring project and the Chair adding a few sentences because he will not be seeking re-election, and a discussion about who to dedicate it to, there was a motion by Jared Bellows and second by Kim Blakeslee to dedicate it to Marquerite Willis passed unanimously
- 3) The budget was discussed, there are no new numbers, and the town council line will be split in two so that board needs can be better tracked. The police ask for more hours and will be sent back to the chief for a more detailed proposal to be presented, as hours increasing can also increase the need to offer benefits will need to have a true cost.
- 4) Meet the candidate's night and town meeting information night was discussed. It was unanimously decided that it would start at 6 pm, the same as the selectboard meetings.
- 5) The minutes of March 24th were unanimously approved on a motion by Jared Bellows and second by Kim Blakeslee
- 6) On a motion by Jared Bellows and second by Kim Blakeslee, warrants were also unanimously approved.
- 7) * Not foreseen was a request for a letter for the digital equity grant application being completed by Cheryl Handsaker, as the grant was being submitted it was discovered that the Selectboard would need to support the application in writing, on a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Kim Blakeslee the letter was unanimously approved.
- 8) On a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Jared Bellows the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM