

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

December 17, 2018

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Sarah Reynolds. Select Board members Marguerite Willis and Jay Healy also attended the meeting. No one was absent.

1. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to formally withdraw from Wired West.
2. Toby Gould and Beth Bandy attended the meeting to discuss the current position of the Recreation Tax Legislation. Mr. Gould submitted to the Board a draft letter to the Legislature lobbying for the tax. Ms S Reynolds recused herself from this discussion. The Board approved of the letter. Mr. Gould and Ms Bandy asked the Board what they want to get out of the All Board Meeting that will be discussing economic development with Boards and several business owners. The main goal is to receive input regarding the pluses and minuses of doing business in Charlemont. Ms Bandy stated that she has heard derogative comments regarding the Rural Commonwealth’s plans for a development center coming from the current Select Board. Ms Bandy asked the Board to stop making such comments.
3. Jared Alvord, Mad River Solar attended the meeting to discuss Mad River’s solar array proposal. Mad River Solar was the only proposal received by the Town. Mr. Alvord stated that the Town is able to do the solar array project however the 3 phase power needed is not available near the project area but is available along Route 2. The State incentive program at the project site is not feasible at this time but his company is expecting the incentive program to be extended. The Town can expect, once the project is functioning, \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year lease payment. Mad River is willing to wait until February when the State will announce if the incentive program will be extended. Ms S Reynolds will contact Town Council to see if the Town can wait until February to accept Mad River’s bid or if the Town will need to re-bid the project. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to accept the Solar Array proposal submitted by Mad River Solar with the understanding that Mad River may need until February 2019 to find out the State tax incentive.
4. Ms S Reynolds reported that Trevor Mackie and Douglas White will continue to assist the MLP Board. The Town will need to create the MLP Board which will consist of an MLP Manager, a member of the Select Board and a member of the Finance Committee. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to appoint Robert Handsaker MLP Manager, Jay Healy Select Board representative and Amy Wales Finance Committee representative (contingent upon Ms Wales agreement) to the MLP Board.
5. Cheryl Handsaker requested permission to apply for a CDBG grant. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to

- allow Ms Handsaker to apply for the grant. Ms Handsaker also received permission to appoint a Committee to assist her with this grant. Ms Handsaker asked the Board if she would be working with the Administrator for the application. The Board will get back to Ms Handsaker regarding the Administrator's involvement.
6. The Town was denied a Build Grant for the Long Bridge repairs. Ms S Reynolds will continue to work with the Transportation Secretary regarding the needed repairs for this bridge.
 7. Charlemont Sewer District members James Williams, Joe Pelligrino and Kurt Boisjolie attended the meeting. Jim Scalise, Jon Schaefer and Bill Maitey also attended the meeting to represent Berkshire East. The Sewer District explained that the District is a separate entity from the Town and has jurisdiction over a dedicated area called the District only. Because of the District's boundaries along with rules and regulations that were created by special legislation the Sewer Commissions are unable to support or endorse the MassWorks application to extend their District across the river and increase capacity to accommodate a future hotel at Berkshire East. Discussion continued with Berkshire East suggesting the Town create a Town owned sewer located on Berkshire East property on the south side of the Deerfield River. This would be a Town owned and operated public sewer system. The MassWorks grant will be modified to apply for a Town owned public sewer system. Ms Willis will contact the Planning Board with the idea of extending the Village District across the river.
 8. Ms Willis will be setting up a meeting to discuss an e-mail complaint concerning the Transfer Station.
 9. Ms Willis is working on including a notice regarding recycling contamination in the real estate tax bills.
 10. The FY 2020 Select Board budget items were discussed. The budget will reflect a 5% health insurance increase until final numbers can be provided. Select Board license and dues will be reduced by \$500 to reflect the Board not joining the MMA. The Executive Secretary will work with Ms Willis to obtain a reasonable amount to budget for Tech/Voc transportation.
 11. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to approve /approve and sign:
 - Vendor warrants #1924 for \$200,633.67 and #1916 for \$129,738.46
 - 2019 ABCC license report
 - FEMA Mitigation application for a generator, to be signed outside a meeting
 12. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, not to approve a request from the Administrator to attend a Mass. Preservation Grant program training.
 13. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, the following future meetings: January 7, 14 and 28; February 11 and 25.

14. Mr. Healy will contact the recreation companies to invite them to the All Board meeting.
15. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

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

Documents reviewed by the Board

- Letter to the Legislature lobbying for the rec tax
- Sewer District minutes
- Build Grant denial
- FY 2020 Select Board budget
- Vendor warrants
- 2019 ABCC license report
- FEMA Mitigation grant application
- Mass. Preservation grant training request from the Administrator