

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING

Town of Charlemont

Goodnow Town Hall

February 22, 2020

Page 1 of 3

Minutes of the Charlemont Select Board February 22, 2021, meeting held via free conference call.

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm

On the phone: Marguerite Willis, Elizabeth Van Iderstine, Bob Handsaker, Cheryl Handsaker, Valentine Reid. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Broadband standing appointment:

- 1) Construction status- work is getting done in the traffic calming area, going well.
- 2) Equipment room is coming along.
- 3) Subscription campaign- approximately 100 people signed up, there are signs up and a sign up at Avery's store.
- 4) Avery's is giving broadband a window to do a display- will put a demo board from WG&E in it
- 5) Informational meeting March 16th 7pm WG&E will be running, Went over attorney's suggestion for a meeting platform, due to issues with online meetings.
- 6) Marguerite asked for what the bond payback the next 5 years would be worse case scenario so town could do some capital planning.
- 7) Generator follow up to be done by Sarah, she needs to take project follow up and planning, will talk to Dennis and report back

Discussed grants, Administrator working on USDA grant, will follow up on small bridge and paving grant announcement in the DLS bulletin.

River problems discussion will schedule a meeting with the town departments and great river hydro for March.

On a motion by Elizabeth and second by Marguerite Furnace to be repaired in town hall.

7:30 pm Dana Johnson and Mae Tanner joined for appointment for EMT appointment. Mae lives on Legate hill and recently completed the course at GCC and passed her test, Dana stated she knows there are additional sign offs with medical control. On a motion by Elizabeth and second by Marguerite Mae was appointed to the EMT position.

Discussed recycling funds, revolving funds, and grants for transfer station, will use revolving fund to pay for any "trash projects" the recycling fund is subject to the list Jan Ameen sent.

Any future transfer station projects will have estimates that come into front office of town hall.

Elizabeth gave a report from her highway tour with the highway Superintendent- she went on the complete warner hill route that was the subject of several emails and a complaint. She found that the actions by the highway department and the driver is sufficient. As far as the pictures showing inequality, she explained they are taken after there was some clean up by the residents of the turnarounds after

the initial plowing, this is done with the resident's tractor and personal plowing. She also spoke to other residents on Warner Hill and they are happy with the plowing. On a motion by Marguerite and second by Elizabeth the matter is deemed closed.

Agenda Items:

A) Warfield right of first refusal passed unanimously on a motion by Marguerite, second by Elizabeth

B) Minute taker, interviewed Danielle Pelletier on a motion by Elizabeth and second by Marguerite
Danielle will be offered the position

C) On a Motion by Marguerite and Second by Elizabeth Accepted the resignation of Kristen Martin as ACO, Sarah reached out to Jared about an intern ACO until a new one is found. Also reached out to a resident who was suggested, waiting to hear back.

D) on a motion by Elizabeth and second by Marguerite Liquor Hearing to be held on March 8th

E) Marguerite drafting a letter to Secretary Galvin about Burden of the voting changes

F) Marguerite has completed a first draft of the Selectman's town report

Approve and Sign:

On motions by Elizabeth and seconds by Marguerite the following were unanimously approved

- 1) Vendor warrants
- 2) KP Law invoice
- 3) One year blackboard connect contract.
- 4) Agreement with Umass for Succession planning grant
- 5) Comstar rate change
- 6) Local cultural Council grant \$9,600.
- 7) Northampton cycling club, Sarah to reach out and make sure they know the condition of Route 2
- 8) Solar MOU

Recognition: Email from Stephan Kostka for the dump employees was recognized and Marguerite brought forward emails received on the triwire clean up items that were in the river, and Carlene Hayden responded and helped take care of, as well as an email from a resident whom Carlene got abutters list for, who stated she was amazing.

On a motion by Elizabeth and second by Marguerite the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Reynolds

Administrator

Approved by

Charlemont Select Board

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

Documents viewed by the Board.

First Rights of Refusal form

ACO resignation

Retail alcohol license application

ACO questionnaire

Vendor and payroll warrants

KP Law invoice

Blackboard contract

Succession Planning agreement with Umass

Comstar 20212 rate changes

State contract for the Local Cultural Council allocation

Northampton cycling Club approval letter

MOU for Municipal aggregation; Solar

E-mail of praise for the Transfer Station Employees