

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

March 2, 2020
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Sarah Reynolds. Select Board member Marguerite Willis and Jay Healy also attended the meeting.

1. The Board and Broadband Committee discussed the used of heavy equipment on Town dirt roads during mud season. Ms S Reynolds will speak with Mike Williams hoping to receive more communication.
2. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for fiber optic network services between the Town of Heath and the Town of Charlemont.
3. Procurement for the distribution network was published Wednesday. Pre bid is from March 13 through March 27.
4. Ms S Reynolds will contact EMD Dennis Annear to obtain the status of the Town Hall generator and grant.
5. The Broadband Committee is hoping to obtain an easement agreement with Jerry Pratt for the network along the Long Bridge.
6. Richard Carnall from WG&E attended the meeting to discuss a disputed bill regarding the network design. It was explained that the bill is not for their time but for the engineering. WG&E stated that they did not verbalize correctly and get approval before the billing. This bill is for an expanded PBR report and update premise report. There is a cost to extract data. Charlemont is more of a design challenge then other Towns. Charlemont will need a 70% take rate to cover the bond.
7. Cheryl Handsaker reported that the Town should accept letters, addressed to whom it may concern, stating how important the internet is to them. These letters will be submitted for the Rural Business Development Grant and are due the middle of March at the latest.
8. Cheryl Handsaker is also asking for a letter giving her permission to apply for the Rural Business Development Grant . Ms S Reynolds will sign the letter once it is ready.
9. Ms Willis reported that she has been in contact with Buckland Administrator Heather Butler who is applying for a MassWorks Grant for their Charlemont Road (connects to South River Road in Charlemont). Ms Willis is wondering if the Town can have 2 Grants, one for the Town owned septic system and one for South River Road.
10. Ms Willis stated she is speaking with Byron Gilchrest regarding a water/suppression system in Town.
11. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to approve a 3 year fire chief MOU with the Town of Rowe.
12. Ms S Reynolds reported that the Highway Superintendent received bids to replace the furnace at the highway garage. The Superintendent recommended to go with

Suburban because of a previous discussion about repairing the piping. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to award the bid to Suburban.

13. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve/approve and sign:
- Payroll warrants #33 for \$8,654.25
 - KP Law invoice

Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned the open meeting at 9:25 P.M. and to enter into executive session, not to return to open meeting, to review a Comstar disposition report.

Respectfully transcribed

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

Approved by:
Charlemont Select Board

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WG&E bill
MOU with the Town of Rowe
Warrant
KP Law invoice