

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

June 8, 2020
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Sarah Reynolds. Select Board members Jay Healy and Marguerite Willis also attended the meeting. This meeting was conducted via telephone conference pursuant to the Governor's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

1. Bob Handsaker, Broadband Committee Chair, reported that the Capital Account could have a deficit of \$8,500 and Finance Committee member Amy Wales advises to let the deficit hit the Towns Free Cash.
2. The Select Board will be reaching out to residents of Heath Stage Terrace to survey who will be signing up for the broadband service. Bob will also reach out to the residents and send an update to the Board.
3. Bob stated that he is satisfied with the Rowe fiber sharing agreement although Rowe has not responded.
4. Warner Hill Road is all set.
5. Ms S Reynolds has not heard back from Town Counsel regarding Broadband operational accounting and warrant articles.
6. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes to issue a temporary expansion of alcohol premises to Crabapple Whitewater, per the Governor's COVID-19 June 1, 2020 order.
7. Ms Willis stated Colonial Power will send out letters to residents providing information regarding their municipal aggregation services. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes Mr. Healy – yes to allow Colonial Power to move forward with the mailings and place a press release on the Town website.
8. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes Mr. Healy – yes, agreed to the VEAC busing payment agreement (55% of the busing contracted amount) and to authorize payment of the bill when it arrives.
9. As the Town will not beholding it's Annual Town Meeting by the end of June, the Board agreed the Town must function using a 1/12th budget.
10. Ms Willis reported that the Mohawk School is also developing a 1/12th budget.
11. The Board agreed not to submit a traffic count request this year through the FRCOG.
12. Ms Willis will follow up on the COVID-19 Response fund reimbursements.
13. Ms S Reynolds will attend the June 15th FCD River Access Forum.
14. The Board so noted that Wendy Foxmyn has withdrawn her proposal for grant assistance for the Town.
15. The Board received an offer form Berkshire Brewing to donate beer to the police and fire departments. The Board agreed this was a fantastic gesture but declined the offer.

16. The Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds, - yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to approve and sign:
- Payroll warrants #2044 for \$18,554.34, # 2045 for \$14,614.98, #2046 for \$11,875.62, #2047 for \$15,954.22.
 - Vendor warrants #2045 for \$78,631.34, #2046 for \$15,003.84, #2047 for \$16,400.71, #2048 for \$14,539.48.
 - Election warrants
17. The Police & Fire Public Safety insurance quote was deferred to the next meeting.
18. At 9:11 P.M. the Board unanimously voted, Ms S Reynolds – yes, Ms Willis – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, to adjourn the open meeting and enter executive session for reason #3: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, Willis vs Town; and not to return to open meeting.

Respectfully transcribed

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

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.

Temporary expansion of alcohol premises application & license
Colonial Power information letter to residents
VEAC busing payment agreement
FRCOG Traffic Count request
Berkshire Brewing donation
Warrants
Election warrants
Police & Fire Public Safety insurance quote

