

Minutes of the Charlemont Selectboard Meeting

July 6, 2026

6:00 PM

Charlemont Town Hall and via Telephone

Present:

Jared Bellows, Chair

Wilder Sparks, Selectboard Member

Sarah Reynolds, Town Administrator

Joanne Semanie

Kim Blakeslee (via telephone)

Bill Baker, Rowe Selectboard Member

Brooke Shulda, Rowe Town Administrator

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Jared Bellows.

1. Chapter 90 Request – Avery Brook Road Paving

The Selectboard discussed the Town's Chapter 90 funding request. The request is for paving improvements on Avery Brook Road.

Upon a motion by Jared Bellows, seconded by Wilder Sparks, the Selectboard voted to approve the Chapter 90 request.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

2. One-Day Liquor License – Lions Club Car Show

The Selectboard discussed the One-Day Liquor License application submitted by the Lions Club for their upcoming Car Show.

The Administrator was directed to discuss the timeliness of future applications with the Lions Club to ensure adequate time for review and processing.

Upon a motion by Jared Bellows, seconded by Wilder Sparks, the Selectboard voted to approve the One-Day Liquor License.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

3. Tennis Court Contract

The Selectboard discussed the tennis court improvement project contract. The low bidder for the project was identified as Baker Construction of Goshen, Massachusetts.

Upon a motion by Jared Bellows, seconded by Wilder Sparks, the Selectboard voted to approve and execute the contract with Baker Construction.

Vote: Approved.

4. Shared Fire Chief Candidate Process

Kim Blakeslee joined the meeting via telephone at 6:05 PM.

The Selectboard discussed the shared Fire Chief candidate selection process with representatives from the Town of Rowe. Three candidates participated in the assessment process. The recommendation from the assessment center was to hire Chris Goodhind as the next Shared Fire Chief.

Both Selectboards discussed the assessment results, the interview process, and their impressions of the candidates.

Upon a motion by Kim Blakeslee, seconded by Jared Bellows, the Charlemont Selectboard voted to approve the hiring of Chris Goodhind as the new Shared Fire Chief, with contract details and negotiations to be discussed in executive session.

Vote: Roll Call Vote

- Jared Bellows – Aye
- Wilder Sparks – Aye
- Kim Blakeslee – Aye

The Board voted to leave open session and enter executive session pursuant to **Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2)** to discuss contract negotiations. The Board entered executive session at **6:10 PM** and did not intend to return to open session.