

CHARLEMONT SELECTBOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11th, 2026, 6:00 pm

in person and via conference call, Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Charlemont MA

Members in attendance: Kim Blakeslee, Wilder Sparks

Others in attendance: Sarah Reynolds, Liam Creegan

On phone: Star Atkeson

Appointments:

6:00 pm – Liam Creegan RE: Conservation Restriction for High Street in Charlemont, DeGeorge's property

Liam went over the history and description of property for the proposed conservation restriction, as well as the benefits of conserving the land. The property does not have frontage. The family has retained a right to have an overnight recreation structure on the property, a camping spot. A flower, Pyrola, on the endangered species list can be found there. Wilder confirmed that there would be no detriment to the town to approve the restriction.

Kim Blakeslee made a motion to approve the request for a Conservation Restriction for DeGeorge's property on High Street in Charlemont. Wilder Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.

6:15 pm- Thorne Palmer – RE: Reappoint Patsy Bergeron Registrar

Thorne Palmer recommended to the Select Board that Patsy Bergeron be reappointed to the Board of Registrars.

Kim Blakeslee made a motion to reappoint Patsy Bergeron as Registrar. Wilder Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda items (Discussion/Vote):

1) Approve Town Meeting Warrant for posting

Sarah went over the articles. The marijuana social equity piece will be made a policy instead of being added to the bylaws as per Town Counsel advice. Sarah talked to Bob Nelson about it. The dog waste fine cannot be lessened to \$25, as it's state law.

Kim Blakeslee made a motion to sign two copies of the warrant for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting in Charlemont, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Wilder Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.

2) Approve Elections warrant for posting

The election was voted to be on an alternate day so that election workers can participate in Town Meeting.

Kim Blakeslee made a motion to approve the Election warrant for posting. Wilder Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approve and Sign:

1) Minutes of April 27,2026
Not ready for this meeting

2) Payroll and Vendor Warrants

Kim Blakeslee made a motion to approve and sign the payroll and vendor warrants. Wilder Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Kim Blakeslee made a motion to close the May 11th meeting at @ 6:30 PM. Wilder Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Documents reviewed in the meeting:

- Agenda for May 11th
- Grant of Conservation Restriction for Dorothy E. DeGeorges, 0 High Street, Charlemont, 26 pages
- Warrant 2026 Annual Town Meeting, Town of Charlemont Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 11 pages