

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

January 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Charles Bellows. Also attending the meeting were James Gariepy and Erwin Reynolds, Sr..

1. Perry Schwarzer, Chair of the Deerfield River Impact Committee attended the meeting to ask the Board to appoint two new members to the Committee. The new members are Noland Hisey and Frank Mooney. Mr. Schwarzer explained that 2 current members are not interested in serving on the Committee any more, Mary Melros and Mitch Coburn. Mr. Hisey and Mr. Mooney were introduced by Mr. Schwarzer. Mr. Schwarzer was reminded that Ms Melros and Mr. Coburn will need to formally resign from the Committee in order to keep the membership at 4. The Board unanimously voted to appoint the two new members. While Mr. Schwarzer was available, the Board discussed with him his recommendations for the Town Hall sign. Mr. Schwarzer explained that in order to have room to place information upon the sign, 4" letters, one full set and some additional letters, would need to be purchased by the Town. The cost of the new letters would run between \$275.00 and \$300.00. Additional track for the 4" letters is not necessary at this time as the Town has additional track that has not been used. The Board requested the Adm. Asst. to order the additional letters that Mr. Schwarzer has recommended. Mr. Schwarzer also brought to the Board an example of the sign he designed to display the Charlemont web address on the sign. After researching, Mr. Schwarzer explained that the address would not work at the top of the sign but would work if hung below the sign which Mr. Schwarzer offered to complete at no cost to the Town. The Board agreed and thanked Mr. Schwarzer for his time and efforts.
2. The warrants were signed and the minutes were approved and signed.
3. The Chairman of the Board signed the CDBG authorization forms for the Block Grant.
4. The Board read a letter of resignation from Planning Board member Pamela Hazlett, effective immediately. With regret, the Board accepted her resignation and a letter thanking Ms Hazlett will be signed by the Board at their next meeting.
5. The Board agreed with March 19th as the due date for Annual Town Reports to be submitted. The reports are to be submitted on disc, typed in Word, in Times New Roman. The Board also agreed that the due date for submission of budgets to the Selectmen is January 24th. The Adm. Asst. will generate a memo to all with this information.
6. No one is able to attend the S.T.A.R. meeting on Jan. 22, 2004.
7. A letter will be sent to the Historical Society asking them if they would care for the old outdated legal books lining the Selectmen's office. The letter will include a time certain to respond.
8. Mr. Gariepy will review the proposal for a fire alarm system in the Town Hall from Palmeri Electric and call Mr. Palmeri to discuss the plans. The Adm. Asst. will confirm the amount voted from Free Cash for this endeavor. The Board voted to give Mr. Gariepy the authority to accept Mr. Palmeri's proposal if he agrees with the plans.
9. The Adm. Asst. will gather the total amount due to the Town for the Terry Taylor property along with a property card, assessed value and lot size for the next Selectmen's meeting.
10. At 7:59 P.M., the Board of Selectmen voted to go into executive session to sign the minutes of the executive session that was held on December 30, 2003. The vote went as follows: Mr. Gariepy - yes, Mr. Reynolds, Sr. - yes, Mr. Bellows - yes.
11. The Board resumed their regularly scheduled meeting at 8:06 P.M. and business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M..

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:
Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Chadwick
Administrative Assistant

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