

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jean Brisson. Also attending the meeting were Paul Fantucchio and Winston Healy. It was announced that the meeting was being tape recorded.

1. Darwin Clark, Selectman of the Town of Hawley, Tim Lively representing the Town of Heath, and Ambulance Director Dana Johnson attended the meeting to review the 4 Towns shares for the cost of the new ambulance. A spreadsheet giving the cost breakdown and remaining balances was distributed. Mr. Healy explained how the costs were calculated. Charlemont will create invoices for each balance due and send them to each Town. The projected due date is June 30, 2010. In answer to a question as to what is happening with the old ambulance, Mr. Johnson stated that the old ambulance will be traded, and the trade in value has already been figured into the final cost of the new ambulance.
2. The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to send the financing of the new ambulance to the Finance Committee for recommendation.
3. The warrants were signed.
4. The minutes were approved and signed.
5. Congratulatory letters to Charlemont honor and high honor students attending Mohawk and the Franklin County Tech Schools were signed.
6. The Selectmen unanimously voted to approve a letter giving Siemens permission to contact the Town energy vendors for energy auditing purposes. The letter was signed.
7. The Board reviewed an e-mail asking for permission to sell Girl Scout cookies at the Transfer Station. A majority vote, Ms Brisson - yes, Mr. Fantucchio – yes, Mr. Healy abstained, the request was granted.
8. Responses to the advertised Transfer Station Attendant position were deferred until later in the meeting.
9. Review and approval of the STM warrant articles were deferred until latter in the meeting.
10. The Board reviewed an e-mail from the FRCOG that requests a response if the Town would be interested in further researching a cooperative utilities appraiser. The Board unanimously voted to respond indicating that the Town would be interested and to inform the Board of Assessors when more information is available.
11. Ms Brisson reported that upon entering the Town Hall one evening she found the front door ajar. Further, the museum was not locked nor was the alarm set, and the second (children's room) door to the library was not locked. It was suggested that the Police Officer in Charge direct the Police Officer on duty to check the security of the Town Hall as their last round of their shift. Ms Brisson will draft a letter to all boards

- reminding everyone who uses the Town Hall to check the outside doors, both front and back, as they leave the building.
12. The Board received a letter from Robert Lingle commending all involved for a successful H1N1 clinic.
 13. Mr. Fantucchio reported that he has been collecting information concerning the McCloud water and that request for quotes has been sent to several water testing companies. One quote has been received.
 14. Mr. Fantucchio has also met with Culligan and has learned that a radon test must be conducted before a charcoal filtration system is installed. If there is radon in the water, a charcoal system can not be used. If tests show no radon, then a charcoal filter can be installed.
 15. Mr. Fantucchio has learned further that a water softener should be installed in order to keep the current filtration system running. The softener could be installed by Culligan for around \$1800.
 16. A Three Town Landfill meeting will be scheduled for either February 9th or 16th at 5:30 P.M.
 17. Charles Bellows attended the meeting to recommend the Board appoint Erwin Reynolds, Jr. to the Park and Recreation Commission, thus filling the vacant position left by David Cunningham. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Erwin Reynolds, Jr. to fill the vacant Park and Recreation Commission position until the May elections.
 18. The Non Criminal Dispositional Bylaw was discussed. Mr. Bellows felt that the bylaw should be on an Annual Town Meeting warrant opposed to a Special Town Meeting warrant. The Board agreed. Several edits to a draft bylaw was discussed.
 19. Mr. Bellows recommended that the Board of Selectmen disband the current Agricultural Commission due to the fact that a meeting has not been held since the Commission has been created and the terms have run out. Mr. Bellows stated that there are a few Commissioners that still want to be on the Commission as active members. Jared Bellows has also voiced his interest in becoming a Commissioner.
 20. The Board unanimously voted to disband the current members of the Agricultural Commission.
 21. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bellows, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Erwin Reynolds, Jr. and Charles Bellows as new members to the Agricultural Commission with Mr. Bellows acting as the temporary Chair until the Commission can organize. Other previous members that are still interested in being a Commission, along with Jared Bellows, will be invited by Mr. Bellows to the Selectmen's meeting on either February 2nd or February 9th at 7:00 P.M.
 22. Mr. Bellows was requested, as Police Officer in Charge, to direct the Police Officer on duty to check the security of the Town Hall as their last round of

- their shift, with a log being kept to indicate instances in which the doors are found unlocked. On a majority vote, Mr. Fantucchio – yes, Mr. Healy – yes, Ms Brisson abstaining, the Police Department will be given an extra key to the back door for the security checks.
23. Mr. Healy reported that the Mass DOT inspection of the Bissell Bridge went well. Re-seeding and water in the middle of the Bridge were noted.
 24. At 8:30 P.M. the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss health concerns and performance evaluation of a Town employee, with the intention of returning to regular session. The vote went as follows: Ms Brisson – yes, Mr. Fantucchio – yes, Mr. Healy – yea.
 25. The Board resumed their regular session at 9:45 P.M.
 26. The Executive Secretary was requested to post a Selectmen’s meeting for Saturday, January 30, 2010.
 27. A copied letter commending the Board of Assessors and their Secretary was noted.
 28. An insurance quote to cover the YDD event was noted and forwarded to the Friends of the Fairgrounds.
 29. A letter concerning the handicapped access to the back door of the Town Hall was noted.
 30. The Executive Secretary was requested to contact the custodian to have him replace the light bulb at the back door of the Town Hall.
 31. The Board received a letter concerning finding an EDS facility which was noted.
 32. The Board received memos from Kopelman & Paige advising the Board of the new open meeting and minute taking laws. Copies of the memos will be distributed to all Boards. This subject will be revisited at the February 2nd meeting.
 33. The Board reviewed twelve letters of interest for the advertised Transfer Station Attendant position. Two Charlemont residents will be interviewed on Saturday, January 30, 2010, morning.
 34. The Board reviewed the STM warrant articles. Article 2 was edited to read “...Assessors Expense...”. All articles were unanimously voted approved, as edited. It was noted that more articles for the meeting may be forth coming.
 35. The Board reviewed an e-mail from Senator Downing’s office stating the Town Clerk home rule has met with Senate approval and now is before the Mass House of Representative for consideration. Mr. Fantucchio will speak with the Town Clerk to discuss her future plans concerning the position.
 36. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

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