

**MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Town of Charlemont**

March 9, 2010

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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jean Brisson. Winston Healy also attended the meeting.

1. The warrant was signed.
2. The minutes were approved and signed.
3. The Board unanimously voted to approve and sign a revised Class II used car license. The revisions are to accommodate the RMV information needs.
4. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Jeffrey Rau the representative to the FCWSWMD, replacing Ruth Cannavo.
5. The Board unanimously voted to hold the Annual Town Elections on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 12:00 P.M. (noon) to 7:00 P.M.
6. The Board unanimously voted to convene the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
7. The Board reviewed a one year copier service maintenance agreement. The Board unanimously voted to accept and sign the agreement.
8. The Board received a Class II used car application for a permit. The Board unanimously voted to hold a hearing for the application on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
9. The Board was notified that a flag pole to fly the Town flag has been purchased. The Board unanimously voted to begin flying the Town flag on the first day of spring.
10. The Board received an Animal Inspector nomination form the State Department of Agriculture. The Board unanimously agreed with the State nomination of Erwin Reynolds, Jr. and unanimously voted to forward the paperwork to Mr. Reynolds.
11. The Board received an e-mailed letter from the Fire Chief that stated the thermal imager that was recently offered to the Fire Department by the Police Department is not constructed for use with extremely hot fires. The Fire Department will continue to raise funds to purchase an imager which would enhance the effectiveness of the Department.
12. The Board discussed the Fire Department's fundraising efforts. Ms Brisson, liaison to the Fire Department, will explain to the Fire Chief the emergency telephone use policy.
13. Bruce Leshine was recognized at 7:15 P.M. Mr. Leshine attended the meeting to explain and discuss the Mass Relay Race that will take place on July 17 and 18 and run through parts of Charlemont. The race is to benefit the Jimmy Fund and will begin at Mtn. Greylock and end at the Boston Harbor. The runners will be in Charlemont during the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> and will come into Town via Zoar Road, thence to the Town of Rowe, down 8A North, and finally west on Route 2 to the Hawlemont School. From the School they will run west on Route 2, over

- the Long Bridge and then East on South River Road to the Mohawk High School. The Board informed Mr. Leshine of the volume of traffic on Zoar Road during the summer months due to people using the Deerfield River. The Board stated that they support the race and thanked Mr. Leshine for coming in.
14. Mr. Healy and Highway Superintendent Gordon Hathaway will set up a meeting with Mountain Road resident William MacLeish to discuss his private snow removal practices.
  15. The Board received a letter from Cathy Buntin, Park and Recreation Commissioner, notifying the Board that the 2005 Open Space and Recreation Plan has expired. The letter requests the Selectmen to create a Committee to update the Plan. The Executive Secretary will contact Ms Buntin to see if she is willing to be a member of the Committee. If so, the Executive Secretary will ask her to contact Steve Ferguson, Douglas Forbes, and one Conservation Commission member to see if they would be willing to volunteer for the Committee. Potential members will attend a Selectmen's meeting to be appointed.
  16. The Board was requested to review the Assessor's Annual Town Report. The Board unanimously voted to suggest modifying one sentence in the report.
  17. The Board was notified that the Towns of Heath and Hawley have confirmed their presence for a Three Town Landfill meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Mohawk Park Restaurant.
  18. Mr. Healy reported that the Zoar bridge, which was inspected by the State, Highway Department, and one Selectmen approximately 1.5 years ago, is in badly need of repair. Pictures of the bridge were submitted. The Board unanimously voted that Mr. Healy will draft a letter to District 1 asking the DOT to repair the bridge. A second letter requesting other Towns' support for this repair will be drafted and sent to the Towns of Monroe, Florida, and Rowe.
  19. The Board discussed the ensuing mud season and provisions in place to close a road quickly should the need arise. Mr. Healy will draft a telephone announcement that may be used if the Board finds it necessary.
  20. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:  
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds  
Executive Secretary