

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

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The meeting was convened at 7:08 P.M. by Acting Chair Winston Healy. Paul Fantucchio also attended the meeting. It was announced that the meeting was being tape recorded.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. The minutes were deferred until a later time in the meeting.
3. A thank you letter to Charles Bellows for his years of service was approved and signed.
4. A letter to Northern Construction declining the electrical and telephone responsibility for the Bissell Bridge was signed.
5. The Board unanimously voted to pay the McCloud water test bill for \$405.00 from Berkshire Enviro-Lab.
6. The Board questioned if a dog hearing decision should be reviewed by Counsel. Mr. Healy will speak with the Officer in Charge to inform him that if any police officer finds the dog running loose in the Town of Charlemont, the officer should capture the dog and call the Animal control Officer.
7. Simon Dean, SL Dean, came to the meeting to answer some questions concerning his estimate to create a bulletin board for the Town Hall. Mr. Dean stated that the backing will be made out of plywood with cork board glued to it. The frame will be made out of oak and there will be a double sliding tempered glass covering. The posting area will measure 3' x 4' and holes will be in the bottom for any moisture release. Mr. Dean stated the estimate using tempered glass is between \$750 and \$800. The Board unanimously voted to accept the proposal from SL Dean using tempered glass.
8. The Board received a request to complete a survey for the Fire, Highway and Police Departments from the Town of Gill. The Board unanimously voted to decline participation in the survey.
9. Appointment of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee was deferred until the next meeting.
10. The Executive Secretary will contact Selectman Jean Brisson to remind her to send out a Town wide phone message informing residents that the third quarter RE tax bill have been mailed. The message will also remind residents that the fourth quarter tax bill is included with the third quarter bills.
11. The Board unanimously voted to start advertising for the FY 2011 propane and highway equipment bids.
12. The Selectmen received an update from the BOH concerning scheduling a rabies training session. The Board acknowledged the update and appreciates their expedited efforts in scheduling the session.
13. Bambi Miller and Marguerite Noga, Historical Commission members, attended the meeting to discuss Town cemeteries. Ms Miller explained that the Village

- Cemetery Association has a bank CD that could be used to pay for maintaining that cemetery but the CD belongs to the Association, namely Ivis Russell. Ms Miller explained that maintaining cemeteries is not the responsibility of the Historical Commission. Mr. Healy asked the Commission to look into and report as to who is responsible for Town cemeteries. The Commission was also asked to look into possibly transferring the CD to the Town to use for maintenance of the Village Cemetery. The Commission was thanked for coming to the meeting.
14. Agriculture Commission member Erwin Reynolds, Jr. came to the meeting to recommend the appointment of three new Commission members. The new members attending were John Miller and Douglas Dean. John Hoffman, unfortunately, could not attend the meeting. The Board unanimously voted to appoint John Miller, Douglas Dean, and John Hoffman to the Agriculture Commission.
 15. Mr. Healy explained that the first order of business at the first Agriculture Commission meeting will be to vote a chairman and decide on each member's term of office.
 16. Board of Health member Earl Bowen attended the meeting to inform the Board that the Board of Health has adopted a request for information form and he asked if the Selectmen would care to adopt the same form to be used Town wide. The Board will take the document under advisement before adopting. Mr. Healy requested the Board of Health place their office on the form as they have adopted it for use.
 17. Mr. Healy reported that Town Counsel will be attending a Board of Health meeting to discuss the Blue Heron Farm. The Selectmen are also invited to the meeting. Mr. Healy will suggest scheduling the meeting for a Monday or Wednesday.
 18. Charles Ricko asked for a job description n for the Emergency Management Director position. It was suggested that Mr. Ricko send a letter of interest to the Executive Secretary.
 19. The Executive Secretary will assist CME with scheduling a hearing for the Mountain Road bridge project.
 20. Discussion of ambulance fee collection data was deferred to the next meeting.
 21. Discussion of the non-criminal dispositional by-law was deferred to the next meeting.
 22. The Board reviewed Town Counsel's opinion concerning placing high water danger signs when the Deerfield River becomes dangerous. Per Counsel the Town will not incur any liability if the signs are posted on an emergency basis.
 23. The Board reviewed Counsel's opinion concerning hiring employees on a temporary, emergency basis.
 24. The Board received a request for permission to document and map telephone poles for future internet service. The Board unanimously voted to grant permission.

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25. The Board received information from Counsel concerning the EECEBG DOER contract. The Executive Secretary will consult with Siemens to see if record keeping for the grant is part of their contract.
26. Mr. Fantucchio reported that the water test results from the McCloud property do not meet DEP parameters. The water will be re-tested.
27. Mr. Fantucchio reported that Dan Hall from the DEP will be attending the next Three Town Landfill meeting to answer questions. The Executive Secretary will contact Heath and Hawley to inform them of Mr. Hall's attendance.
28. Charles Ricko discussed several Deerfield River use scenarios with the Board.
29. Business being concluded the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

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