

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

April 13, 2010

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The meeting was convened by Acting Chair Winston Healy. Paul Fantucchio also attended the meeting.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. The minutes were approved and signed.
3. The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to approve the Selectmen's inventory sheet.
4. The Board unanimously voted to approve for payment an invoice for services performed by grant writer Steve Ferguson.
5. The Board unanimously voted to sign a letter to Mass Highway Director Peter Niles concerning the condition of the bridge on Zoar Road. The letter also requests assistance with repairing the bridge. Pictures will be included with the letter.
6. The Board unanimously voted to sign letters to several Towns and business that frequent the bridge on Zoar Road. The letters ask for support for Charlemont's request for assistance to Mass Highway.
7. The Board unanimously voted to sign a letter to Berkshire East asking for assistance with repairing the boundary line cairn.
8. The Board unanimously voted to sign a letter to Smith Vocational and Technical School. The letter requests that the Town and Mohawk School be notified when a student is accepted to their School.
9. The Board received a letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission that states they have given permission for the chain link fence on the ball field at Hawlemont to be replaced. The letter asks that the Board vote in favor of the replacement. The Board unanimously voted to approve the replacement of the fence subject to approval of Hawlemont.
10. The Selectmen's annual report was deferred to the next meeting.
11. The Board deferred to the next meeting discussion of the RE taxes owed by the Charlemont Inn.
12. The Board received a request from the Planning Board for an article to be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for \$2,500 to be placed into the Open Space Account. The Board unanimously voted to include the article on the warrant. A copy of the article will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.
13. Mr. Healy explained that a transfer of funds from the Reserve Account will be necessary to cover an unemployment claim. A transfer form will be provided to the Finance Committee for their consideration.
14. At 7:15 P.M. the Board opened bids for FY 2011 propane. One bid was received from Osterman for \$.40 over Selkirk posted price. The Board unanimously voted to take the bid under advisement until the next Selectmen's meeting.

15. At 7:20 P.M. the Board opened bids for highway equipment rental. Three bids were received, one from George Rice, one from Schmidt Equipment, and one from Tyler Equipment. The Board unanimously voted to take the bids under advisement and to send them to the Highway Superintendent for his recommendation.
16. The Board received a letter of resignation from the DRIC, effective June 30, 2010, from Cathy Buntin. The Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation. A thank you letter will be drafted for consideration.
17. The Board received a spreadsheet showing FY 2011 employee health insurance cost breakdowns. This will be revisited when a full board is in attendance.
18. Tony Walker and Roland Butzke will be invited to the April 20th Selectmen's meeting to discuss the energy audit and the EECBG grant.
19. Discussion of a job description for the Town Clerk position was deferred until a full board is in attendance.
20. The Board reviewed an invitation to a municipal law seminar held in Northampton on April 29th. The Executive Secretary was given permission to attend the seminar.
21. Steven Ferguson attended the meeting and reported that the Town has been turned down for a FEMA grant for the Fire Station.
22. Mr. Ferguson also brought to the Board information concerning USDA loans and grants for the Board to consider.
23. Mr. Ferguson received permission to apply for Assistance to Fire Department grant through FEMA for an ambulance power stretcher and a Fire Dept. thermal imager.
24. Mr. Ferguson asked the Board to reference a long term resident that may be able to assist with setting of a Wired West information meeting. Mr. Healy will provide Mr. Ferguson with a list of candidates.
25. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary