

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

April 27, 2010

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

1. The warrants were signed.
2. The minutes were approved and signed.
3. A thank you letter to Cathy Buntin for her service on the DRIC was signed.
4. A letter to a resident concerning the Towns' recycling and trash policy was signed.
5. The Board unanimously voted to approve a Town counsel bill.
6. The Selectmen's annual Town report was approved for print.
7. The Board reviewed an e-mail from Camille White that asks for an extension to the inventory completion deadline. The Board unanimously voted to extend the deadline to September 10, 2010.
8. The Board unanimously voted to place a Flood Plain Bylaw article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.
9. The Board reviewed the articles that have been submitted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board unanimously voted to send all the articles to Town Counsel for an opinion.
10. Gisela Walker, Planning Board Co-Chair attended the meeting to recommend placing a Flood Plain Bylaw article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the bylaw article.
11. Ms Walker and the Board discussed options for filling a vacancy on the Planning Board.
12. The Board unanimously voted to increase the 3 Town Landfill Closing budget for FY 2011 to \$7,000.
13. The Board reviewed the annual town meeting articles and who would speak on each article if there are questions during the Town meeting.
14. The Board agreed to hold a Special Town Meeting in September to address a Fire Station addition, Town Hall roof, and the McCloud well.
15. The Board requested a non-binding article be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant directing the Board to call a STM in the fall of calendar year 2010 to vote on an order in which various capital projects will be taken.
16. The Executive Secretary was instructed to place two new articles on the Town Meeting warrant, one transferring a sum from free cash to stabilization, another using a sum of free cash to reduce the tax rate.
17. Mr. Fantucchio stated the DEP is expecting a plan of action for the McCloud water during the June 7<sup>th</sup> 3 Town Landfill meeting. Mr. Fantucchio will call an emergency meeting before the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to explore options.

18. The Board discussed the schedule and costs of mowing the Village and Center cemeteries. The Board will entertain proposals for mowing of the Village Cemetery during their next meeting.
19. The Board voted, 2 yeas, 1 nay, to appoint Brian Gilbert to the Fire Department.
20. Action on the one propane bid received was deferred until the next meeting.
21. The Board reviewed a spreadsheet depicting several health insurance scenarios.
22. The Board unanimously voted to reduce the Town's share of employee health insurance costs from 85% to 80%.
23. The Board unanimously voted to increase the employee's share of employee health insurance costs from 15% to 20%.
24. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted a \$.50 per hour increase in FY 2011 for employees who are eligible to participate in the Town's health insurance program. The positions which will receive the increase are the 4 full time highway positions, the executive secretary, the assessor secretary, the tax collector and the treasurer.
25. The Executive Secretary was requested to contact Steve Ferguson for information concerning changing the terms and acquiring an extension for the EECBG grant.
26. The Executive Secretary was requested to include an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant that requests funds for the town audit.
27. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:  
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds  
Executive Secretary