

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

May 4, 2010  
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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Acting Chair Winston Healy. Paul Fantucchio also attended the meeting.

1. The warrant was signed.
2. The Board unanimously voted it was in the best interest of the Town not to accept the FY 2011 propane bid from Osterman Propane.
3. The Board unanimously voted to re-advertise for the FY 2011 purchase of propane.
4. The Board was notified that a Three Town Landfill meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 in the Hawlemont Regional School Library at 7:00 P.M.
5. Mr. Fantucchio reported that the filtration system needed to go on bypass and has been maintained and is running. The Town will continue to deliver water to the residence.
6. The Board received notice that MassHighway will conduct a hearing on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the Hawlemont Regional School cafeteria concerning the reconstruction of the bridge over Hartwell Brook on Mountain Road.
7. The Board received a request for a letter supporting two Clean Water Action bills. The letters will be ready for signature during the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
8. Michael Rendulic attended the meeting to discuss loans and grant programs available through the USDA. Stephen Ferguson attended the meeting as well.
9. Mr. Rendulic explained that the USDA has grant assistance for various projects and that Charlemont is currently qualified for a 15% grant if the money is available.
10. Mr. Rendulic explained that a direct loan for 40 years with no pre-payment penalty has a current rate of 4.125%. The loans are federally funded loans and can be combined with State funds.
11. Mr. Rendulic explained that the Town Hall roof and brickwork would be considered one project and the Fire Station addition would be another project.
12. A preliminary application would be submitted to start the loan process with approval possibly coming in 2 months.
13. Mr. Ferguson was asked to work with Mr. Rendulic in applying for the loans and researching grants.
14. Erwin Reynolds Jr. attended the meeting to present a proposal for mowing the Village Cemetery from current until June 30, 2010 and for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Mr. Reynolds proposed to mow the village Cemetery, as needed, until June 30, 2010 for \$475.00. The proposal includes raking the lawn clippings and weed trimming as necessary. The Board unanimously voted to accept this proposal.

15. Mr. Reynolds' second proposal was to mow the Village Cemetery as needed from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 for \$1,000. The proposal included raking the lawn clippings and weed trimming as necessary. The Board unanimously voted to accept this proposal.
15. The Board unanimously voted to designate the Animal Control Officer position as a Special Town Employee.
16. Erwin Reynolds, Jr., Animal Inspector, attended the meeting to present to the Board a proposal to fund an Animal Inspector Expense account. Mr. Reynolds, Jr. explained that when he attended the Board of Health on April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Health Board voted, 3 to 2, not to assist the Animal Inspector with sending specimens to the State Lab for testing. As the BOH was expensing these costs out of their budget, the Inspector requested an expense account be set up with an initial estimated budget of \$1,000. This budget will also be for purchasing a small refrigerator to temporarily store specimens until they can be shipped. The Board unanimously voted to include an Animal Inspector expense budget line item on the FY 2011 budget for \$1,200.
17. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:  
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds  
Executive Secretary