

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

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The meeting was convened at 8:00 P.M. by Chairman Winston Healy. Also attending the meeting was Jean Brisson.

1. Conservation Commission members Robert Handsaker and Neal Lear, along with FLT member Brandon Vickery, attended the meeting to finalize the Conservation Restriction for the Academy property located along Route 2. The Board signed an acceptance form and the MOU for the Restriction. The Restriction will be voted and the Acceptance form signed by the Conservation Commission at their meeting on June 3rd. The MOU will be notarized.
2. Eric Dean attended the meeting to receive information concerning the Town renting a lift and inspecting the Town Hall Roof. Ms Brisson will coordinate an invitation to local contractors, Ed Root, Eric Dean, and Simon Dean, to review the Town Hall roof. After the review, the contractors will have a chance to give the Board their opinions concerning repairing verses replacing the shingles.
3. The warrants were signed.
4. The minutes were approved and signed.
5. The Board unanimously voted to allow Ms Brisson to accept the Communities that Care Coalition mini-grant.
6. An e-mailed letter informing the Board of trespassing and destruction behind the rhododendron bushes at the Hawlemont School was read. The letter also requested additional police patrols help deter this activity. The letter was forwarded to the Police Department. The Executive Secretary will reply to the message stating that the Police have been notified and thanking the sender for their work and concern.
7. Mr. Healy will submit a Doc Streeter Award recommendation to the Lions Club, with the award to be given at the 2009 Yankee Doodle Days.
8. The Board received a letter from the Board of Assessors requesting additional keys to the Town Hall back door. The Board unanimously voted not to give out the additional keys. A letter will be sent to the Assessors stating the Board's vote. The letter will also request a key to the Assessors office to be used for such occasions as building inspections and emergency events. Mr. Healy will sign the letter as the Chairman.
9. The Non-Criminal Dispositional by-law was deferred until the next meeting.
10. Transfer Station Attendant Paul Kendrick was planning on attending the FCSWMD anniversary party. Unfortunately, the party invitations were for Legislators, Senators, and Selectmen. Mr. Kendrick stated that he understands the miscommunication and is not offended.
11. The Board reviewed the final list of Annual Town Meeting articles. The placement of the articles on the warrant was discussed and decided. The warrant will be signed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

12. The Board decided to hold a Selectmen's meeting before the Annual Town Meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the Hawlemont School.
13. Excessive use of the copy paper located in the meeting room was discussed. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to keep one ream of copy paper in the meeting room, and store all others in the front office, which will be given out upon request.
14. The Board received a budget vs. actual and expense report from the Accountant. The Board will review the reports which will be discussed at the next meeting.
15. The Board was informed that the DOR does not offer any accounting training opportunities other than the classes that are held in March at UMass. Mr. Healy will contact Scott Sawyer to see if he is available for training.
16. The Board received the energy audit report that was performed by Siemens. The report will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
17. FY 2010 employee pay raises will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
18. The Board received and discussed a Municipal Relief report submitted by the FRCOG. The Board did not have comments for this report.
19. The Board read a letter from a resident thanking the Selectmen and Highway Department for upgrading several road signs. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Highway Department.
20. Mr. Healy submitted to the Board a draft letter thanking Mass Highway District 1 Director Peter Niles for the work being done on the Bissell Bridge. The letter also suggests that MassHighway consider whether to upgrade the guard rails and the pavement of the road leading to the Bridge. The letter was discussed and will be forwarded to the Highway Department for comments and suggestions. The Executive Secretary will contact Representative Bosely's office to request endorsement of the letter.
21. The Executive Secretary will send out a reminder letter to Mr. Bowen asking that he fulfill the Todd Mountain Road agreement.
22. The Executive Secretary will send out a bill to Zoar Outdoor and to the Franklin Land Trust for attorney fees incurred by the Town for their Conservation Restrictions.
23. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

