

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

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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 Board unanimously voted to defer reorganization until later.
2. The warrants were signed.
3. The Board received the end of the year payroll policy from the Town Accountant.
4. The Board voted unanimously to officially accept the Bissell Bridge from theMassDOT.
5. The 3 Town landfill agenda was read and approved.
6. The FCSA quarterly meeting will be attended by Ms Brisson and Mr. Healy.
7. The Board unanimously voted to ask Gordon Hathaway to comply with MassDOT directive(s) regarding bridges and inspection reports.
8. The Board agreed that they have complied with the Municipal services survey request at an earlier meeting of the Franklin County Selectmen's Association.
9. The FRCOG sent animal control and assessing questions. The Board unanimously voted to ask the Executive Secretary to research and fill in as much data as possible.
10. At 7:15 P.M. the Board opened two FY 2011 propane bids. The bid received from Osterman Propane was for \$.39 over the posted of propane @ Selkirk, NY. The bid received from H.A. George & Sons Fuel Corp. was for customer owned equipment at Highway Garage: \$.28 over the Selkirk price at the time of deliveries and for the company owned equipment at the Fire Station/Ambulance: \$.33 over the Selkirk price at the time of deliveries, with a combined price of \$.30 over the Selkirk price for both locations. H.A. George & Sons also quoted a fixed price of \$1.72 for the time of the contract. The Board unanimously voted to accept H.A George bid of .28 cents and .33 cents above Selkirk for propane, depending upon which tank is employed.
11. The Board unanimously voted to change the agenda in order to address a question brought without appointment to address a dog which was allegedly "stolen" from the owner in June of 2009. It was agreed that the dog had been banished from the town as of June, 2009. It was agreed that the order of banishment has not been rescinded by the Board of Selectmen. It was also agreed that the banishment was legal following a thorough hearing as to the facts of the case, and that the banishment was not appealed as stipulated in the certified letter to the owner. These being the facts, the Board voted unanimously that the dog was not "stolen" in 2009, nor was it stolen at any other time since 2009.
12. Testimony was offered by several witnesses that the dog has been present in town at various times since June, 2009 in spite of the banishment by the Selectboard.
13. Despite the legality of the banishment, Jason Betinis asked the Board to rescind the banishment on the grounds that the dog is old and does not bite or do much

- harm. Jason also alleged that he can be trusted to keep his word. Also “Jason has learned his lesson” about taking care of his dog. At this point Mr. Healy and Ms. Brisson recused themselves from any decision about rescinding the order. The reason for recusal was that Jason Betinis had made threats against the person of each of these Selectpersons. Mr. Fantucchio volunteered to consult with Town Counsel to determine how to proceed with the request of Mr. Betinis
14. The Board discussed the Agriculture Committee. After apologizing for his own poor judgment and any inadvertent offense he might have caused, Mr. Healy recused himself and left the room during this discussion.
 15. The Board accepted the resignation of Erwin Reynolds, Jr. from the Agriculture Committee. (Healy recused)
 16. The Board took under advisement the issue of membership in the Agriculture Committee. (Healy recused)
 17. The Board discussed the issue of town building maintenance with Michael Kane.
 18. The Board unanimously voted to meet with the Ambulance and Fire Departments and to meet with all boards in the near future. Meeting with all Boards/Departments will be placed under old business on the agenda.
 19. The Board voted to close the Transfer Station on July 3 in honor of Fourth of July.
 20. The Board deferred filling the Janitor position until July 8.
 21. The Board read and acknowledged MMA conference notice.
 22. The Board requested the Executive Secretary to file Fire & Police IOD coverage survey in our insurance folder for possible research at a later date.
 23. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Brisson for another year as Chairman.
 24. The Board unanimously voted to appointed Liaisons for the following year:
 - Ms Brisson: Chair, Transfer Station, Assessors, Park & Rec, and Board of Health, Sec to Boards
 - Mr. Fantucchio: Fire, Ambulance, Planning Board, ZBA, Conservation Commission, Treasurer & Tax Collector
 - Mr. Healy: Police, Highway, Accountant, FRCOG, Finance Committee, MMAC
 25. The Board unanimously voted to put Treasurer/Tax Collector position/hours on old business
 26. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Linda Wagner as Town Clerk effective through July 1, 2010.
 27. The Board unanimously voted to add to “Future Action”: Boards to be filled.
 28. It was agreed that Mr. Healy will investigate the Internet/Phone system with one member of board (?), Kathy, Josh, and Paul to be present at the discussion.
 29. The Board discussed their opposition to townspeople who illegitimately slander Town employees on Town Meeting floor. The Board does not condone such slander and will consider ways to counter such unfairness in the future.
 30. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn 9:45 PM

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Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

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