

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. Also attending the meeting were Paul Fantucchio and Winston Healy. It was announced that the meeting was being tape recorded.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. The minutes were approved and signed.
3. Two letters were signed, one to Marguerite Willis thanking her for her service on both the Charlemont and Mohawk School Committees and one to Merri Gould thanking her for her service on the COA.
4. The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to pay two Kopelman & Paige bills.
5. The Board reviewed an MOU for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day conducted by the Franklin County Solid Waste District. It was noted that the event will not be held at the Park and Ride but instead, waste will be collected at GCC. The Board unanimously voted to approve the MOU and signed the document.
6. In honor on the late Senator Ted Kennedy, the flags at the Town Hall were lowered to half mast. The Board thanked Theodore Willard for taking care of this matter. To accomplish the lowering the flags the Town Flag was removed. It was noticed that the two sided Town Flag had become tattered. It was unanimously voted by the Board to retire the two sided flag. In order to preserve the supply of two sided flags, a one sided flag will be flown from the sign located on the front lawn of the Town Hall. The Board approved purchase of an angle flag pole to attach to the sign. The custodian will be asked to place the pole and attach the Town Flag.
7. The Board reviewed a letter from the Board of Assessors requesting that a new dedicated telephone line be installed so their office may directly receive faxes. After discussion, the Board decided not to approve the request. Ms Brisson will deliver the Board's decision to the Assessors.
8. The Board unanimously voted to end their summer meeting schedule after September 15th. The Board will be meeting on a weekly basis after that date.
9. The Board unanimously voted that Ms Brisson will schedule an informal meeting with Bob Dean, FRCOG. The meeting to be scheduled after September 15th.
10. The Board unanimously voted to request that the Executive Secretary coordinate a meeting with the Ambulance Director, Ambulance Clerk, Accountant, Finance Committee and the Board to discuss the audit management letter item about the Ambulance billing system.

11. Scheduling a meeting with Historical Commission will be placed under old business of the Selectmen's agenda.
12. The FY 2009 EDIP Annual Report notice was deferred until September 15th.
13. The Board received a request to place "Flood Plain Bylaw" on the All Board Meeting agenda. The Board unanimously voted the bylaw will be an agenda item.
14. The Board reviewed a request to update the municipal profile from the FSCWMD. The Executive Secretary will respond to the update stating "No Changes" for the Town of Charlemont.
15. The Board was informed that the appointment with the Emergency Management Director to discuss river use was cancelled. Another meeting will be rescheduled.
16. Letters concerning suggested river safety ideas dated August 1st and August 23rd were read and discussed. The letters will be forwarded to the DRIC. The Board expressed their appreciation to Charlie Ricko for his time and concern over river safety and a note will be written to that effect.
17. The Board received an e-mail from Carrie Banks that provided multiple websites for possible river safety grants. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms Banks for spending the time to research and forwarding the websites. The e-mail containing the websites will be forwarded to the Town's grant writer Steve Ferguson. A note will also be sent to Carrie.
18. Mr. Healy will forward to the Highway Superintendent the bridge inspection reports that were sent by the EOT.
19. Mr. Healy will remind the Highway Super and the Police Officer in Charge to research the placement of the Stop sign at the intersection of Thunder Land and South River Road, along with placing a Stop sign at the south end of the long bridge, just before the railroad tracks.
20. A letter from the Finance Committee concerning a Finance Committee assistant will be placed under old business of the agenda.
21. An award notice for the FY 2009 Housing Rehab grant was received.
22. Stephen Ferguson was appointed Charlemont's representative to the five members Citizen Advisory Committee for the FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant, Housing Rehabilitation Program.
23. The Board unanimously voted to allow the Chairman to sign the Renewable Energy Trust Clean Energy Choice grant.

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24. At 8:05 P.M., The Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation, and announced the regular meeting session would not reconvene after the Executive Session. Members of the Planning Board attending the meeting were invited into the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

This document is to be considered a draft until approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen.