

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

October 20, 2009

Page 1 of 2

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. A sympathy card to the family of former transfer station attendant Paul Cormier was signed.
4. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Patrick Banks to the Fire Department as a probationary member.
5. The Board unanimously voted to accept the FY 2010 Local Cultural Council State Grant. The Chair signed the contract.
6. The Board was notified that the first FY 2010 Community Development Strategy hearing was going to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.
7. The Board reviewed an AT&T bill in the amount of \$82.62 for two new telephone lines. The Board unanimously voted to direct the Executive Secretary to contact AT&T to find out who authorized the lines, dispute the bill, and cancel the lines.
8. The Board reviewed a letter from a property owner who had heard that the Town would be abandoning roads in Town. The letter expressed his concerns. The Board will draft a letter to the property owner informing him that the Board is not contemplating abandoning Town roads, but is considering discontinuing maintenance on two roads before winter.
9. At 7:15 P.M. the Board opened three bids to complete an ISA for the Burn Dump. The bids are as follows: ECS bid \$15,600, Tighe & Bond bid \$10,750, and Huntley Associates bid \$7,200. The bids will be reviewed to ensure they comply with the Burn Dump RFP. The Board unanimously voted to accept the bid from Huntley Associates contingent upon meeting the criteria of the RFP.
10. Two bids were received for the 1999 Police cruiser. The bids were opened at 7:30 P.M. and went as follows: Brian Dupree bid \$266.00 and Richard Cornwall bid \$327.50. The Board unanimously voted to award the bid to the highest bidder, Richard Cornwall.
11. After reviewing information send by the FRCOG concerning the 2010 CEDS Project, the Board decided that Charlemont does have any projects at this time. Mr. Healy will contact the FRCOG to see if the Fire Station and the Town Hall roof are eligible. This subject will be placed on next week's agenda.
12. The Board received spreadsheets for FY 2010 budget purposes. The Executive Secretary will research the budgets. The Selectmen will work on their budget during their next meeting.
13. The Board received an e-mail from Planning Board Co-Chair Gisela Walker, asking the Board how much Town Council charged for a private consultation with

- two Board of Health members after the All Board Meeting presentation. Mr. Fantucchio will contact Ms Walker to explain that the presentation by Council during the All Board Meeting was at no charge to the Town and that the Town did not authorize individuals to seek consultation with the lawyer, Mr. Riley.
14. The Board received an e-mail concerning research into the renewable energy grant conducted by David Cunningham which demonstrated that the Town would be unwise to accept the grant. After consideration, the Board unanimously voted not to accept the grant. Ms Brisson will thank Mr. Cunningham for his research.
 15. Questions concerning the Town's budget from the Franklin County Tech School were reviewed. The Board unanimously voted to request the Executive Secretary to answer the e-mailed questions.
 16. The Executive Secretary will contact Roland Butske, representing Siemens, to schedule a meeting to discuss the energy audit and possibly sign an IGA contract. Tony Walker will also be invited to the meeting.
 17. Mr. Healy stated that if the Town is to be able to enter the GIC next fiscal year, the GIC must receive a letter of intent from the Town by December 1st. Additional research comparing current and GIC insurance benefits, etc. will be conducted. This subject will be placed under action of the November 3rd meeting.
 18. The Board received a notice and form of registration for a FCSA meeting.
 19. The Board received a MMA fall conference notice.
 20. The Board received an invitation to the FCHCC annual meeting.
 21. The Board reviewed several risk management seminars from MIIA.
 22. Mr. Fantucchio will remind the Planning Board that the Selectmen agreed to contract out a minute taker for contentious hearings but not to take minutes for regular meetings.
 23. Ms Brisson will speak with David Cunningham to see if he might be interested in becoming a ZBA member.
 24. Ms Brisson reported that she has noticed some areas of concern during her attendance of Assessors meetings. A memo of concerns will be drafted and forwarded to the Assessors.
 25. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary