

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

December 1, 2009

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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.

1. Steve Ferguson attended the meeting to have the EECBG forms signed by Mr. Healy. Mr. Ferguson stated that because of the short time frame to submit the grant application, the forms are still not complete but should be finished by Thursday, December 3rd. Mr. Healy signed the forms.
2. The warrants were signed.
3. The minutes were approved and signed.
4. The Board reviewed letters to 5 residents indicating three places where winter parking is banned. Pictures of the areas were included. The Board unanimously voted to sign the letters.
5. A request to use vacation time on December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd was reviewed and unanimously voted to approve.
6. A letter concerning unsafe trees from the Highway Superintendent was deferred until later in the meeting.
7. The Board passed a majority vote to purchase \$25 holiday gift certificates from Avery's General Store for the Highway employees, Town Clerk, Tax Collector/Treasurer, Executive Secretary, and Assessor's Secretary. Ms Brisson and Mr. Fantucchio voted aye, Mr. Healy abstained.
8. A letter received from John Atwater stating that he has restored 3 bridges on the East and West Oxbow Roads. The letter also requested the town trucks take care when plowing over the bridges. A thank you letter to Mr. Atwater will be drafted. The letter will be forwarded to the Highway Department. Mr. Healy recused himself from this subject.
9. The Tax Classification Hearing was convened at 7:15 P.M. Assessors Sarah Reynolds, David Cunningham, and Simon Dean attended the meeting. Assessor's Secretary Carlene Millett attended the meeting as well. Mr. Fantucchio recused himself from the hearing. The Selectmen unanimously voted for a single tax rate in FY 2010. The Selectmen also unanimously voted to allow the Assessors to electronically sign the necessary Gateway forms. The hearing was ended at 7:25 P.M.
10. Erwin Reynolds, Jr., Animal Control Officer attended the meeting to report a dog in the village that is vicious to other animals. An attack on another dog just happened recently and there are three incidents concerning this dog on record. The owner has agreed to either permanently remove the dog from Town or euthanize it. Mr. Reynolds asked the Board if this arrangement would be agreeable with the Board. The Board agreed to accept a letter from the owner in lieu of a hearing, reminding Mr. Reynolds that if the dog taken out of Town, the new

- owner will need to be notified of the temperament of the dog. Mr. Reynolds will have 10 days to notify the Board of the arrangements.
11. Mr. Healy brought to the Board's attention pictures taken by the Highway Department showed multiple trees along town roads that might be considered dangerous. The trees have been brought to the Tree Warden's attention.
 12. The Board unanimously voted that a survey from the FRCOG concerning shared highway equipment and services will be filled out by the Highway Superintendent.
 13. A letter from Pauline Craven requesting a meeting with the Board to discuss the Mass Dash Relay Race coming through Town was reviewed. The Executive Secretary will reply to the letter stating that the Board is willing to meet with Ms Craven whenever it is convenient for her.
 14. The Board received a notice stating that the FY 2010 certified Free Cash amount is \$209,844.
 15. The Board unanimously voted to place Health Insurance under action of the agenda during a January/February 2010 meeting.
 16. An informational sharing meeting with the Historical Commission will be scheduled for January 19th.
 17. A meeting with the Towns of Rowe, Heath, and Hawley to discuss the purchase of the ambulance will be scheduled for January 12th.
 18. The Board unanimously voted to take Performance Contract off old business of the agenda.
 19. Mr. Fantucchio reported that Gagne Pumps has confirmed that iron bacteria have been removed from the McCloud well.
 20. The Board unanimously voted to schedule a 3 Town Landfill meeting on January 26th or February 2nd.
 21. 3 Town Landfill meeting will be placed on old business of the agenda.
 22. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary