

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

December 15, 2009

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The meeting was convened at 7:05 P.M. by Acting Chair Paul Fantucchio. Winston Healy also attended the meeting.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. Two sets of minutes were approved and signed.
3. The Board signed holiday cards to employees.
4. The Board reviewed a letter from David Cunningham resigning from the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation, regretfully. A letter to Mr. Cunningham will be drafted thanking him for his time on the Commission.
5. Tammy Hicks and Philip Banks, members of the Friends of the Charlemont Fairgrounds, attended the meeting to discuss insurance coverage for Yankee Doodle Days. Ms Hicks was given an insurance form to fill out and submit in order to receive a quote for full coverage for YDD. This insurance quote will be from a company separate from the Town insurance company, and any policy written would be separate from the policy held by the Town. Ms Hicks questioned whether the Selectboard considered the one (1) and three (3) million insurance coverage to be mandatory the Ox Pullers Association only carries one (1) million. Ms Hicks was requested to bring more information concerning the Ox Pullers coverage to the Board for consideration.
6. The Board received a letter from the Use of Town Property Handbook Committee requesting an extension to the December 15th deadline for completion of creating a handbook. The Board unanimously voted to grant an extension until February 23, 2010.
7. A letter to the Town of Rowe providing the cost of the new ambulance along with Rowe's share of the cost was signed.
8. The Board was informed that January 19, 2010 is a State Election day. The Board unanimously voted not to hold a meeting on that day, but reserved the right to reschedule a meeting at a later date if the necessity arises.
9. The Board signed a gateway form allowing the Assessors to electronically sign the tax rate forms for the Board.
10. A bill from Stantec for testing the water at the McCloud residence was reviewed. It was unanimously voted to approve the bill for payment.
11. The Board reviewed a bill from the previous fiscal year for the emergency telephone system. A warrant article will be written and placed on the next Town meeting warrant so the bill can be paid.
12. Animal Control Officer Erwin Reynolds, Jr. presented to the Board a letter from Craig Rice that states that he no longer owns his dog Misty and that the dog now lives in the Town of Deerfield. The letter also states that Mr. Rice agrees not to

- bring the dog back to Charlemont. The letter is signed by Craig Rice and by the Charlemont Animal Control Officer and dated 12/14/09. The Board of Selectmen accepted this agreement and also signed the letter.
13. Upon review of a final notice from AT&T for payment of a telephone bill set up by Northern Construction for the Bissell Bridge, the Board requested the Executive Secretary to write a letter to AT&T reminding them that the Town did not authorize the telephone lines.
 14. The Board received a letter from the Highway Superintendent stating that it is possible that people from other Towns are taking sand from the shed intended solely for use by Charlemont residents. The Executive Secretary will draft a note to the Police Officer in Charge asking that the on duty Police Officer monitor the shed and conduct frequent checks for residency.
 15. The Highway Superintendent sent a letter stating that a resident on Legate Hill Road has been pushing snow across the Town road. A letter warning the resident, with a copy of the Town Bylaw enclosed, was signed by the Board.
 16. The Board reviewed two (2) remaining budget items, Grant Writer and Town Hall Telephone/Computer. The Board unanimously voted to budget for FY2011 \$5000 for the Grant Writer account and \$4500 for the Town Hall Telephone/Computer account.
 17. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the Ambulance Director, the Board unanimously voted to accept and sign the Paramedic Intercept agreement between the Town and Baystate Health Ambulance.
 18. Mr. Fantucchio reported that he met with New England Waterworks on Friday. Information concerning grants and loans available through the USDA 504 program, HUD, Mass Rural Water, and DEP Brownfields was collected that may be able to help with a private well on Avery Brook Road.
 19. At 7:40 P.M. the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to sign executive session minutes and to return to regular session with the intent of adjourning. The vote went as follows: Mr. Healy – yes, Mr. Fantucchio – yes.
 20. Business being concluded, the meeting returned to regular session and adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary