

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

December 30, 2008

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The meeting was convened at 7:15 P.M. by Chairman Winston Healy. Also attending the meeting were Jean Brisson and Paul Fantucchio.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. A FY 2009 liquor license renewal form was reviewed. Mr. Healy and Ms Brisson voted to approve the renewal (Mr. Fantucchio recused himself) and signed the license.
3. The Board received a payment schedule for Real Estate taxes owed. The Board unanimously voted to accept the schedule (Mr. Fantucchio recused himself).
4. A bill from Town Counsel was approved.
5. Upon a request from Accountant Tracey Baronas, the Board unanimously voted to allow the Winter Highway accounts to be overdrawn if necessary.
6. The Board discussed the invitation from the FRCOG to join their cooperative bidding process. The Board unanimously voted not to participate.
7. The BOH submitted a request asking the Selectmen to request technical assistance from the FRCOG. The Board unanimously voted to request the assistance and instructed the Executive Secretary to create the letter after hearing from other Town Boards.
8. The Board read a letter from a resident who requested assistance with a tenant that has multiple dogs. Animal Control Officer Erwin Reynolds, Jr. reported that he had already visited the tenant, who at that time was in possession of two dogs. One of the dogs, a white german Sheppard, is still being investigated. Town Clerk Linda Wagner reported that the tenant has contacted her and will be licensing the dogs tomorrow, Wednesday, December 31st. The Executive Secretary will inform the resident of the licensing and investigation.
9. The Executive Secretary reported that the contract with the Franklin Tech bus company, First Student, states that if the Mohawk District School is closed, the bus company will not send out any buses, including buses to pick up other District school students.
10. The Board received a memo from Town Accountant Tracey Baronas. The memo states that due to the new dog program voted at Town Meeting, the Town will need to accommodate purchases and expenses that were covered by the FRCOG. The memo recommends a Town Meeting article to vote to create a revolving account. The memo will be forwarded to the Finance Committee to consider creating a revolving account or a new line item in the budget.
11. The Board reviewed the EMS Service Zone application and unanimously voted to accept and sign the application. The Executive Secretary will hold the original application with the Towns of Heath, Hawley, and Rowe coming to the Charlemont office to sign one original.

12. As the Town Clerk was in attendance, the Board explained the new requirement for updating the State's databank with names and contact information for all public officials. Mrs. Wagner will attempt to fulfill this requirement on behalf of the Town.
13. Mr. Fantucchio reported that 128 Main Street, the property taken for non payment of sewer taxes, was recently vandalized. The Board discussed whether the Town or the Sewer District owns the property, and therefore who is responsible for securing the property. Mr. Fantucchio will contact the Tax Collector and the Sewer District to report the damage and to find out who actually owns the property.
14. Susan Willard reported that the Town website mistakenly posted a 6:00 P.M. Selectmen's meeting and an agenda was not posted for December 30. Mr. Healy apologized and commented that the posted meeting time was an error and the agenda was not posted as one was not sent due to vacation schedule. Mr. Healy stated that as a courtesy to townspeople information is usually sent to the webmaster for posting, but the website is not always accurate due to time constraints or human error. He reiterated that it is our intention to accurately post agendas in advance.
15. Upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, the Board (Ms Brisson recused herself) unanimously voted to hire the following part time seasonal employees: Dana Dodge, Jeffrey Brisson, and Christopher Smitters. The Board unanimously voted to hire Andrew Earle to the part time, seasonal position of winter sidewalk caretaker.
16. The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10 P.M. to hold a dangerous dog hearing, with the intent of coming back to regular session after the hearing.
17. The Board reconvened their regular meeting at 8:47 P.M.
18. Business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary