

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD MEETINGS
APRIL 27, 2009**

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Russell, Chairperson; Jenny Cole, Frank Thornton, Winslow Ladue, Ed Stone (arrived 7:00 p.m.).

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Selectboard Assistant.

OTHERS: Robbie Stanley, Ellie Russell, Tom Moreau, Stephen Brooks, Spin Richardson, Richard LaBeouf, David Furney, Shirley Bruce, Jay Strausser, Bill , Gordon Brown, Suzy Hodgson, Hugh Lewis Jr, Howard Verman, Beth Merritt, Mary Lighthall, and others.

(Note: The warned agenda was heard out of order, but appears in the published order for continuity.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Russell called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to recess the regular meeting and to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate Negotiation Matters, and to invite the Selectboard Assistant to attend.

VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Stone); motion carried.

The Selectboard adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m.

3, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 02/09/2009

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of 02/09/2009 as written, with the following corrections:

Page 1, Members Present, delete the words “absent”; under Others correct the name Martha “Perkins”.

Page 2, 7th paragraph, Discussion, 2nd sentence, add the name “Mr. Spadaccini”;

Page 4, last paragraph, 3rd sentence, change the word “under” to “undue”.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of 02/23/2009 as written.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve the minutes of the March 2009 Town Meeting, short version, as written, with the following corrections:

Globally correct the name “Teena Flood”;

**Article 9, change the word “process” to “possess”; indicate that the motions proposed under Article 9 were non-binding.
VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.**

4. ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

Add: Thompson’s Point Representative Appointment.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Gordon Brown, resident, asked how enforceable is the Charlotte Town Plan. There have been newspaper articles recently about power lines going in above ground with fiber optic lines versus underground. The Board should tell the power company to bury the line underground. Is it a question of money. The Town needs to protect the vistas of the lake, stated Mr. Brown.

Stephen Brooks, resident, asked for the status of a discussion on the Charlotte Route 7 viewscape. The Ruckerfeller’s referred to a management plan. Has the Park Committee finished an update of that plan, asked Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Thornton asked if there were any conditions/restrictions on the 25 acres purchased with federal funds that the park land backs up to. Ms. Cole reported that she has not discovered a document that lays out restrictions. The document that deeded and incorporates the overlook land to the Demeter land was found. The overlook area would be incorporated into the park land. There are restrictions on the park land, such as: no structures could be built.

Mr. Brooks asked when the topic would be ripe for discussion if the Park Committee was done with the plan update in June. Ms. Cole replied later in the fall depending on the committee work load.

Mr. Russell said the discussion either needs to be done quickly so that we can see what needs to be done while the leaves are still on the trees, or in early November.

Ms. Cole said she would bring this information regarding the Overlook view to the committee to consider for inclusion with the park plan.

There was further discussion regarding the need to identify the park land boundaries; if the Park Plan has a value assigned related to views; and what process is needed to add it to the plan.

6. CHITTENDEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT – Presentation at FY2010 Budget

Tom Moreau, Chittenden County Solid Waste District General Manager, presented a review of the proposed FY2010 budget.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve a draft FY2010 Chittenden County Solid Waste District budget as presented.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Moreau reviewed diesel emission concerns in Chittenden County; the handling of compost; a franchising study for garbage haulers built on a competitive model to promote environmental efficiency; the Redmond Road host town agreement with Williston; and the cost of shipping sludge to Coventry at \$80 per ton.

Mr. Stone expressed concern that hiring a single garbage hauler per town would cut out the small hauler from the competition. Mr. Moreau said that it was up to the town if they wanted to hire one hauler, or not.

There was discussion regarding a proposed tri-town Drop-off Center that would replace the current Hinesburg center. Mr. Ladue asked if it was possible to co-locate a drop-off center with a compost site in Chittenden County. Mr. Moreau replied that it was not unusual for 20-30 pick-up trucks to drop off compost material every day. For the compost site it is proposed to mechanize and aerate the material for labor and handling efficiency.

Mr. Russell reviewed that there were three potential drop-off center sites with central locations that included Route 7, Route 116, or in St George.

Mr. Moreau reviewed a random telephone study conducted to identify who uses the Patchen Road center. None of the respondents were from Charlotte or Hinesburg. A new center would be open two days per week; one Saturday and one week day.

In response to a Board question, Mr. Moreau said that a fast trash site could be done, but CSWD handles more than just trash. There are books, light bulbs, recyclables, metal, etc.

Mr. Brooks stated that as the Charlotte CSWD representative he was interested in a Shelburne corridor drop-off center. Mr. Moreau pointed out that a lot of Shelburne residents work in Burlington and use the Pine Street drop-off center. A survey will be done on who uses the drop-off centers, but the CSWD does service 18 member towns.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

7. POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF SHELBURNE

Mr. Russell briefly reviewed that the Town contracts with the Shelburne Police Department to provide traffic enforcement services. A request by the Town for fewer hours was agreeable with the Shelburne Police as long as the service fit into four-hour shifts. The Town would revisit the number of hours in the fall.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve a contract between the Town of Shelburne and Charlotte for the purpose of providing police services as defined in the contract from May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

8. CHARLOTTE ENERGY TASK FORCE (SUZY HODGSON) – Grant Application

Suzy Hodgson, Charlotte Energy Task Force representative, reviewed a proposal to apply for a \$12,000 grant to hire a contractor to diagnose issues with the Town Hall heating/ventilating system, and how to properly use the system to control energy costs. In addition a check list would be created that could be used by other towns.

Mr. Stone said a grant was not needed to replace the current system. The system has already been examined by two different engineers. The system doesn't work and is wrong for this building.

MOTION by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve a grant application to the Vermont Community Climate Change Program and to provide a \$1,000 Town match.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Hodgson said that the controls and system needs to be documented first, and then we can apply for a larger grant. Mr. Ladue suggested including a design of the cooling/heating system in the grant narrative.

VOTE: 3 ayes, 2 nays (Mr. Stone, Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

Mr. Russell and Ms. Cole signed the Resolution document.

9. HOWARD VERMAN – Interview for Conservation Commission for Remainder of Linda Hamilton's Term (Two Years)

MOTION by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to appoint Howard Verman to the Conservation Commission to complete the remainder of Linda Hamilton's term ending in 2011.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

10. LAKE FRONT HOSPITALITY, LLC, d/b/a LITTLE GARDEN MARKET – Application for a Second Class Liquor License

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to adjourn as the Selectboard and convene as the Charlotte Liquor Control Board. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve a 2009 Liquor License for Lake Front Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Little Garden Market, for a Second Class Liquor License, to May 30, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Thornton asked how many liquor licenses have been issued in Charlotte. Mr. Stone replied six. Ms. Cole pointed out that the Little Garden Market has had a liquor license in the past. Mr. Russell said this was a renewal.

VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Stone, to adjourn as the Charlotte Liquor Control Board and reconvene the Selectboard.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

11. CURBING AROUND MONUMENT AT INTERSECTION OF GREENBUSH ROAD AND FERRY ROAD

Beth Merritt and Mary Lighthouse, Monument Committee, explained a proposal to change the configuration of the existing curbing at the monument.

Ms. Cole reported on a new cost estimate of \$4,500 for concrete curbing, or \$9,000 for granite curbing at 10-12" above the road surface. The monument would be left in place. A traffic pattern survey would not be required. The road crew would do the excavation work.

Hugh Lewis Jr, Charlotte Road Commissioner, said that if the curb was 8" or 10" high then the trucks would just drive over it. Ms. Cole stated that if the curb was 18" high then the cost would be \$35 per linear foot extra.

Mr. Thornton asked if the monument would need to be raised up with the 18" curbing. Mr. Lewis noted that every time the intersection is repaved that raises the road surface an inch and the curbing gets lower. There would be no hesitation to recommend an 18" curbing.

Mr. Stone said that Mrs. Moore has asked what the Town has done with the \$9,000 that the Moore family donated. Mr. Stone said he would contact Mrs. Moore again regarding the use of the funds.

Ms. Cole reported that the owners of the Old Brick Store have mentioned they might close off the parking. Mr. Russell suggested inviting them to a Board meeting.

12. VLCT PACIF – Revised Valuation of Town Hall

Mr. Bloch reported that the valuation of the Charlotte Town Hall building was \$650,000 last year. It would be raised to \$753,976.

Mr. Thornton said the Charlotte Historical Society was asked to get a value on the Charlotte Museum contents.

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the revision of the Town Hall value through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF as presented.
VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Stone); motion carried.**

13. BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Russell noted that the Town was getting closer to the end of the year.

14. APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Ladue seconded by Ms. Cole, to reappoint Gary Franklin to the Trails Committee for a two-year term, and to reappoint Carol Clay to the Trails Committee for a two-year term.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

14a. THOMPSON'S POINT REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to appoint Ed Stone as the Thompson's Point Wastewater Representative to replace Winslow Ladue.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND WARRANTS

The Selectboard signed bills and warrants as presented.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathlyn Furr, Recording Secretary.

These minutes are subject to correction by the Charlotte Selectboard. Changes, if any, will be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.