

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Russell, Jenny Cole, John Owen, Winslow Ladue, Ed Stone (arrived 7:06 p.m.).

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dean Bloch.

OTHERS: Hugh Lewis, Claire Leonard, Peter Adamczyk, Ellie Russell, Matt Burke, Suzy Hodgson, Peter Fenn, Julie Potter, Carrie MacKillop, Catherine Hughes, Hans (?), Carly Krolick, Karen Frost, John Limarek, Deb Stone, Bill Fraser-Harris, Martha Edwards, Bob McMary, F. C. Gouchoe, Cheryl Gouchoe, Stephen Brooks, Marty Illick, Stephanie Coate, Charlotte Citizen; and others.

Call to Order

Charles Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adjustments to Agenda:

Add: High Risk Rural Roads Program ó discussion.

Public Comments

None.

Minutes of September 13

Motion by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Owen, to approve the minutes of 09/27/2010 as written with edits/corrections.

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

Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) – action under consideration: approve non-binding commitment letter

Peter Adamczyk, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation representative, handed out and reviewed a PACE Quick Start program concept. If Charlotte is interested a letter in intent should be signed.

MOTION by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to ask the Charlotte Energy Committee to research and forward recommendations to the Selectboard regarding a PACE Quick Start Program, and to authorize the Charlotte Selectboard Chair to sign a letter of interest on the PACE Quick Start Program with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation.

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

CCRPC – Presentation of Update of All Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Town – action under consideration: approve updated Plan

Julie Potter and Claire Leonard, CCRPC/AHMP representatives, reviewed a proposed update to the 2005 All Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Town of Charlotte related to two

documents: regional/county issues and town-wide issues. Seven hazards and six action items were identified. The CCRPC staff would like to review comments from Marty Illick.

There was brief discussion regarding differences between acute and/or chronic hazards; a Board request for Charlotte hazards to be listed ranking from highest to lowest risk (a prioritization list of hazards were found on page 39, Section 5.4.4 of the updated document); the potential for FEMA funding for landslide mitigation (should create a community data base); railroad crossings and Route 7 traffic issues (Ms. Leonard noted that Chris Davis had discussed railroad crossings. Private railroad crossing mitigation could be done with property owners); and use of state geologists (Ms. Potter said the State was developing a methodology).

Mr. Ladue said he would like to know the factors for the hazard list ranking, especially if the ranking has an impact on the ability for funding.

Mr. Owen, Mr. Ladue, Ms. Illick and Ms. Cole would gather further information and report back to the Selectboard at the next Selectboard meeting.

Carrie MacKillop, Old Brick Store – Request to Share (and pay for) Dumpster at the Town Office/Library ó action under consideration: approve request

Carrie MacKillop, Old Brick Store representative, appeared before the Selectboard. Ms. MacKillop explained the need for using/sharing the Town dumpster at her expense. She had contacted the Fire/Rescue Department, but the department had not responded to her requests.

MOTION by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Stone, to temporarily allow the Old Brick Store to use the Town Hall dumpster at the Old Brick Store's expense, and to investigate the use of the Fire/Rescue dumpster as a permanent solution, if possible.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. MacKillop said that if she could use the Town dumpster she would like it locked to prevent unauthorized use. She has been trying to contact the Fire/Rescue for four months on the use of their dumpster, but has not received a response.

Mr. Ladue suggested adding a period of time to the motion if the use would be temporary.

Mr. Lewis said that a past store owner had asked the Fire/Rescue Department if the store employees could park in the Fire/Rescue lot, which was OK with the department. The Selectboard should ask the Fire/Rescue Department on behalf of the store.

VOTE: 2 ayes, 3 nays (Mr. Russell, Ms. Cole, Mr. Ladue); motion failed.

MOTION by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Stone, for the Charlotte Selectboard to contact the Fire/Rescue Department and to report back to the Selectboard at the October 25, 2010 meeting that either the Fire/Rescue Department would share their

dumpster, or the Selectboard would allow the Old Brick Store to use the Town Hall dumpster.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Cole noted that there was a suggestion for use of a dumpster on a trial period.

Mr. Owen replied no.

Mr. Russell spoke in favor of contacting the Fire/Rescue Department.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Trails Committee – update on activities – discussion only

John Limanek, Trails Committee Co-Chair, submitted a Trails Committee report and Mission Statement for Selectboard review.

There was discussion regarding a Town link trail, which is the focus of the Trails Committee; funding requirements that included Town support and a match for a grant; coordination for permitting, preferred alignment of trails and assistance for easement acquisition; and a Selectboard member suggestion to encourage collaboration between the Trails Committee and the Park Oversight Committee.

The Selectboard spoke in support of moving forward with grant funding, and thanked the committee for their hard work.

Recreation Commission – update on activities – discussion only

Bill Fraser-Harris, Recreation Commission Chair, and Deb Stone, Recreation Coordinator, appeared before the Selectboard, and reviewed a Recreation Commission report. Carly Krolick, Recreation Commission member, reviewed an analysis of recreation facilities maintenance, including proposed Town Beach improvements.

There was brief discussion regarding public recreation areas at Whiskey Bay and the Town owned Thompson's Point pier. Mr. Fraser-Harris and Mr. Ladue would continue discussion of additional Town owned recreational areas.

The Selectboard thanked the commission members for their efforts.

Eloise Prokop Violation – action under consideration: direct Town Attorney to pursue violation

Mr. Russell reviewed issue of storage units on the Prokop property.

Cheryl Gouchoe, neighbor, expressed concerns related to the two storage units and a tractor trailer used for storage on the Prokop property.

MOTION by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Stone, to direct the Town Attorney to pursue violation by Eloise Prokop as presented.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Gouchoe said she spoke to Mr. Prokop. He told her that they were going to store building materials in the storage units over the summer. The units are still

there. A tractor trailer showed up. John Foote gave permission for the Prokops to move the trailer over his land and it is parked on the Prokop property. The delivery driver said the trailer would be there one week, but it is still there. It is now sunk into the ground. If the Prokops had made an effort to put the units on the other side of the house where we couldn't see them it would not be so bad.

**Mr. Russell noted that the Prokop property was located at 2417 Mt Philo Road.
VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**

Martha Edwards, neighbor, pointed out that neighbors have talked with the Zoning Administrator regarding the issue and it has been five weeks. When would the Town take action, asked Ms. Edwards. Mr. Russell replied that he was not sure how long it will take, but steps are in motion to address the issue.

The Selectboard thanked the neighbors for attending the meeting.

Selectboard Updates

High Risk Rural Road Program

Mr. Bloch reviewed a High Risk Rural Road assessment report from Church Hill Road to Hinesburg. The deadline to send a letter of acceptance to the Traffic Safety Department, AOT, was October 15, 2010.

Selectboard members would review the road report and send comments to Ms. Cole.

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Owen, to authorize Ms. Cole to take comments and to sign a letter of acceptance regarding the High Risk Rural Road assessment on behalf of the Town of Charlotte.

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

Mr. Russell pointed out that the public has not had an opportunity for input.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to reconsider the motion to authorize Ms. Cole to sign a letter of acceptance regarding the High Risk Rural Road assessment on behalf of the Town of Charlotte.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Owen, to send a response letter to VTrans, Department of Traffic Safety, to reconsider the October 15, 2010 deadline and extend it to October 26, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Bloch asked if a phone call to VTrans would suffice. Mr. Russell replied yes.

Ms. Cole asked why push the date so far ahead. The purpose of the program is to make roads safer. Mr. Lewis explained the issue is not really for more signs. It will be basically the same signs. If the response date is put back we may lose the opportunity to replace signs.

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

**Pease Mountain Lease – action under consideration: involve Town Attorney
MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Stone, to recess the regular meeting and
enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the UVM/Pease Mountain
Lease.**

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

The meeting was recessed and the Selectboard entered Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.

**MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Owen, to adjourn Executive Session and
reconvene the regular meeting.**

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Executive Session was adjourned and the Selectboard reconvened the meeting.

Mr. Russell stated that the Selectboard will have the Town's attorney look into the lease.

Approval of Bills and Warrants

The Selectboard signed Bills and Warrants as presented.

Adjournment

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

VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathlyn L. Furr, Recording Secretary