

Charlotte Select Board Meeting

**October 6, 2008
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Chairman Charles Russell, Jenny Cole, Ed Stone, Frank Thornton and Winslow Ladue

Others: Robbie Stanley, Ellie Russell, Carrie Spear, Gary Franklin, Bob Hyams

Call to Order

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adjustments to Agenda-None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 22, 2008 and September 29, 2008 Meetings

Public Discussion

There was discussion on the public appraisal, which happens every five years.

Appointment

Susan Smith was appointed to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee.

Transportation Action Grant

A Transportation Action Grant was presented to the board by Rebecca Harcourt (as a part of a CVU Grad Challenge project) to apply and administer. (Grant proposal is attached)

Trail Committee Goals & Report

There was a detailed discussion and review of the maps that have been compiled by the Trail Committee. Town owned land, land that is locked, land that is made available by property owners for trails and land that has been purchased for trails. The committee has worked very hard on compiling a comprehensive map of the trails. Thompson Point has trails that need to be reviewed and added to the map. VAST trails are seasonal only and only by permission so are not inclusive. Getting some easements in place for future use of lands to perhaps unlock the locked land could be a goal. The committee has not looked at bike trails at all, as that really is a separate issue. The Committee will bring the map and report to the Planning Committee for their feedback and they will then come back to report to the Select Board.

Energy Task Force

The Task Force will look at other similar committees in the surrounding areas, and town plan and report back to the board at what is happening.

Investment Committee

This was a request per the town meeting to be discussed by the Board. It was noted that Mary Meade had a good handle on what is happening and she could talk to the community and answer questions and concerns. It seems that it is really not necessary to have a committee for this purpose. When the letter is written for the town report, investments could be addressed at that time by the board and perhaps Mary could write a summary in coordination with the town auditor.

Donation Committee

The Committee will establish a process for receiving and reviewing requests made to the town for charitable donations. The process will include identifying requirements regarding materials to be submitted and deadlines; and documents of each organization's benefit the town. There are people who have shown an interest in being involved in this process. This would save some time and the board would appreciate paper work for the board and it.

It was determined to contact the interested community members and see what kind of a process they can come up with to present at the town meeting.

Minor Sub-Division Amendment

Ed Stone made a motion to amend the minor subdivision amendment to read \$300 period take out the +\$150 per affected lot. (See attached fee schedule) Jenny Cole seconded the motion. There was further discussion. The cost for the town is not going down so the question was asked why drop the fee at all? The question was called.

Motion passed. No- Winslow Ladue and Frank Thornton.

VELCO Compliance Issue

A report was written regarding recommendations from Veltec (the watch dog group) of issues regarding clean up of some spills and monitoring of these issues cause by VELCO. The question was that this went on for a couple of months and that VELCO did not respond in any way. It was noted that these were recommendations but not law breaking issues or finable problems.

A motion was made by Ed Stone to send a letter to VELCO asking them to respond to the recommendations made by Veltec and the board is aware of the recommendation that were made, Jenny Cole seconded the motion. Passed

No Vote – Winslow Ladue and Fred Thornton

CCRPC Website

CCRPC has requested that the Town of Charlotte allow town parcels id's and lands on their website. This is very helpful to builders, planners' etc. that all parcels can be viewed. Winslow Ladue made a motion to approve sharing parcel data with CCRPC for their website; motion was seconded by Ed Stone and Passed. No- Fred Thornton

Executive Session

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made and carried to move into Executive Session to discuss possible town litigation issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Gingrow
Substitute Recorder