

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD MEETINGS
MARCH 9, 2009**

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Russell, Chairperson; Jenny Cole, Winslow Ladue, Ed Stone, Frank Thornton.

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Selectboard Clerk.

OTHERS: Ellie Russell, Lynn Jaunich, Justin Wygman, Maura Wygman, Amy Wright, Monica Smith, Clyde Baldwin, Dan Luce.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Russell called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

Add: Consider Accepting Letter of Resignation from Dan Cole, Emergency Management Director.

3. ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ladue, to nominate and elect Charles Russell as Charlotte Selectboard Chair, and Jenny Cole as Charlotte Selectboard Vice-Chair. **VOTE:** 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

4. ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE, SELECT NEWSPAPER OF RECORD, APPROVE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS, DETERMINE HOW AGENDAS WILL BE CREATED

ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Board adopted Roberts Rules of Order as Rules of Procedure.

SELECT NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to select the Burlington Free Press as the Newspaper of Record for posting legal notices for the next year starting as soon as possible. **VOTE:** 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

APPROVE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve a schedule of regular Selectboard meetings to meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

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

DETERMINE HOW AGENDAS WILL BE CREATED

The Charlotte Selectboard Chair will be responsible for setting Board agendas with input from Selectboard members.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Justin and Maura Wygman expressed concern regarding use of an existing well on the Burn's property for a proposed affordable housing project as discussed at the March Town Meeting. The Town should send notices to Burn's property neighbors regarding proposed development plans for the property before bringing a warned article at Town Meeting. It was not true that all neighbors were against the proposed project. Conserved land and development should be done in the best interest of the property. There was talk about using the Flea Market well. We are the only ones on that well right now. The Old Lantern is hooked on, but doesn't use the water. I am the only one who knows the problems with the well and how to fix it. Since the mobile home has been torn down and removed we have only had trouble with the well once versus one or two times per month. If three other homes go onto the well there is a concern that the issues with the well will increase in direct ratio. Mr. Wygman said that repairing the well could become a part-time job and (he) didn't want to do it.

There was lengthy discussion regarding two options for supplying water for the proposed three affordable housing Habitat for Humanity homes on the Burns property that included drilling a new well and using the Flea Market well as a back up supply, or using the Flea Market well; possible costs to the Town for maintaining the existing well; language in the

Wygman's deed that the (the Wygman's) are entitled to unlimited use of the well water supplied at a quantity and quality they now receive; and a request that neighbors be noticed on all matters related to the Burns property. Ms. Wygman suggested that the Town require DRB review for any land conveyance regarding the Burns property.

6. REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to recess the regular meeting and enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate Negotiations, and to invite the Selectboard Clerk, Jay Strausser, Tim Mullin, Shirley Bruce and Dick LeBoueff to attend. VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

The regular meeting was recessed and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

The Board adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

7. APPOINT TREE WARDEN

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to appoint Larry Hamilton as the Charlotte Tree Warden for the next year. VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL RENOVATION PLANS WITH SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Clyde Baldwin, Monica Smith and Lynn Jaunich, School Board representatives, reported that the Board was exploring funding for school repairs and/or renovations. Annual payments on a \$2.8 million bond would be \$215,000 per year. The Economic Stimulus Package could include \$91,000 for Charlotte school renovations. Alternate heating sources, such as a wood chip burner, have been explored.

Mr. Ladue asked if there had been any consideration for tying a green heating system into green energy savings in the renovations. There are stimulus guidelines to meet green technology, said Mr. Ladue.

There was further discussion regarding renovations to the 1949 building and 1969 building; a Town need for an emergency generator that could be wired at the school during the renovation; and next steps that included a November 2010 bond vote.

Mr. Russell asked if there would be a savings for the school if the Town purchased the Quonset hut.

9. APPROVE AQUIFER AND AQUIFER RECHARGE AREA MAPPING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF GEOLOGY

Mr. Bloch handed out copies of a draft Aquifer and Aquifer Recharge Area Mapping MOU.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve a draft Aquifer and Aquifer Recharge Area Mapping Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Charlotte and the Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Geology.

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

Mr. Russell signed the document.

10. MINUTES OF February 16, 2009

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of 01/12/2009 as written, with the following corrections/additions:

Page 2, 6th paragraph, 5th line, change to read "...considered by the committee", and add "these may still be included by the Selectboard." 8th paragraph, 2nd sentence, change to read: "If an agreement is received the committee would pay for...: and add the words to the end "...with grant money."

Page 3, last paragraph, 1st sentence, end the sentence after the word “map”, and delete “and the new proposed map.”

Page 6, 5th bullet, add "...and Lake Road extension are public roads.”

Page 7, 4th paragraph, 1st sentence, add the name “Tim McCullough”.

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

MOTION by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve the minutes of 01/26/2009, as written, with the following corrections/additions:

Page 1, Globally correct the name “Gloria Warden”; 2nd paragraph, delete “because of this for”, 3rd paragraph, add to the motion “with the addition of \$100 for Gloria Warden as Coordinator and subtract \$100 to be posted to the General Fund.”; 4th paragraph, motion, change to read: to approve a Flea Market lease to Dan Jones and Ray Jones, Milton VT.”;

Page 2, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence, change to read: “...proposed to amend...”, 4th paragraph, replace the word “Moved” to “Passed”; 6th paragraph, replace the word “Moved” to “Passed”;

Page 3, delete paragraphs 9 and 10 and replace with the suggestion for minutes of 1/26/09 as submitted by Mr. Ladue, dated 02/09/2009.

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

MOTION by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve the minutes of 01/29/2009, as written, with correction/additions.

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

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve the minutes of 01/23/2009, as written. VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.

Table approval of the minutes of 02/29/2009 until the next meeting.

11a. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DAN COLE

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Stone, to accept the resignation of Dan Cole, as Emergency Management Director.

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

MOTION by Mr. Ladue, to appoint Ed Stone as Emergency Management Director. Ms. Cole suggested holding off on appointing a replacement. Motion failed for a second.

12. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND WARRANTS

The Selectboard signed bills and warrants as presented.

13. ADJOURNMENT and EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to adjourn the meeting and to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation Matters, and to invite the Selectboard Clerk to attend.

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

The meeting was adjourned and the Board entered Executive Session at 9:57 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.