

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD
DECEMBER 6, 2010**

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Russell, Jenny Cole, John Owen, Winslow Ladue, Ed Stone

OTHERS: Nancy Wood, Stephen Brooks, Carl Herzog, Laura Crandall, Trafton Crandall, Ellie Russell, Jeff Bradley, Walter Gates, Mike Yantachka, Kay Gault, Bob Hyams

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dean Bloch.

Charles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

John motioned to go into Executive Session for staff performance reviews. Jenny seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

Jeff McDonald and Ben Pualwan were invited in to the session. Dean Bloch and Gloria Warden were invited in separately to the session.

Winslow motioned to come out of Executive Session. John seconded. Approved 5-0. No action was taken.

Adjustments to Agenda: None.

Public Comment: Stephen Brooks asked if Pease Mountain would be discussed. Charles said no. Stephen Brooks asked if the Old Brick Store's request for sharing dumpster would be discussed. Charles said yes.

Minutes of November 22: no action

Mark Sherman/Jeff Bradley, Highway Access Permit, Orchard Road

Jeff Bradley was present. **John motioned to approve**, Jenny seconded. The motion was amended to reflect the conditions of the previous permit. Approved 5-0. There was discussion of amending the policy to allow extensions.

Budget Review—Senior Center

Wally Gates and Carl Herzog were present. Charles asked if maintenance could be lowered to \$5,000 and the total lowered from \$49,000 to \$48,000. This was agreed to.

Burglary & Theft Deterrence

John gave update. He posted signs in four locations. Mount Philo State Park was problematic—the State was not agreeable to the proposed sign wording and suggested wording.

There will be public meetings on December 9 (shore neighborhoods), December 16 (East Charlotte) and December 23 (West Charlotte) with Shelburne Police and State Police.

John discussed situation regarding fencing of jewelry with Mike Yantachka, who has discussed with Bill Lippert, the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, who had recommendations regarding creating legislation to require jewelry buyers to check with authorities regarding recent burglaries/thefts.

Winslow said he talked with the game warden, the warden's supervisor, and the owner of the Front Porch Forum, who suggested using the Front Porch Forum to report thefts.

Oversight of Town Land

Discussion included focusing on ag-leases in the short-term, particularly on Thompson's Point, as well as creating a database/spreadsheet and doing a broader evaluation of all land.

Jenny suggested creating an inventory and looking at past recommendations as a starting point.

Charles asked whether a committee should be appointed, or possibly the Conservation Commission could undertake this.

Winslow said he would be interested in working on this.

Stephen Brooks suggested creating small incremental objectives, and include lake accesses.

Charles suggested pulling out ag-land, with the goal of leasing unused land. Ed said it's hard to lease when it's distressed. Charles suggested focusing on items that are time sensitive. The Selectboard could delegate somebody to work on it, and get it ready for board approval.

Bob Hyams asked if there should be a spreadsheet and some kind of process.

Nancy Wood said she appreciates the sense that something should be done in the short-term for ag-land, but that it is important to consider bigger issues. Among these, she said that it is critical to develop a parking area at Thompson's Point, and this should be reserved from an ag-lease. This is one of the most used recreation areas in town, and people are parking in areas where they shouldn't.

Winslow said he has been approached by landowners on Lane's Lane who wondered about created garden space on the north side of the road. He also stated that a public, community discussion/process could bring out other ideas.

Jenny suggested moving towards creating one document with information regarding all properties.

Board of Listers: Errors and Omissions

Kay Gault, Chair of the Board of Listers was present.

Ed motioned to approve the errors and omissions of the 2010 grand list as submitted in a memo from the Board of Listers. Winslow seconded. Approved 5-0.

Flea Market Lease

Winslow said that, as with the ag-lease at the Charlotte Park, non-compliance should lead to putting the lease out to bid. Jenny suggested notifying the Jones that we are intending to not lease to them in the coming year, and they should clean up their things.

Charles stated that the Burns property Memorandum of Agreement may affect what can be done there.

Ed motioned to send a letter to the Joneses to clean up items by January 1st. John seconded. Approved 5-0.

Charles raised the concern of people hanging out on the site, but noted a need to allow the Wygmans access to maintain the well.

John volunteered to look into suggestions for uses of the site from the Burns planning process.

Thompson's Point Lots 6, 7 and 8—Renewal of lease to Edith Illick

Winslow motioned to approve renewal of the lease. Ed seconded. Approved 5-0.

Thompson's Point Lot 52—New lease to Robert Marvin

Ed motioned to approve the new lease. John seconded. Approved 5-0.

Updates

West Charlotte Village Wastewater Planning Process. Winslow said that 28 surveys were returned from 82 that were mailed to property owners. Two property owners indicated interest in attaching to a community system at a price of \$35,000 to \$40,000. Both of these landowners are in proximity to the existing system that serves the Town buildings. The Committee would like to talk with the Selectboard, with the goal of providing information and options at Town Meeting. The Committee will suggest reserving capacity for four categories of potential users:

1. Future Town use
2. Capacity for failed systems that don't have a cost-effective solution on their own property
3. Expanded use of existing structures
4. New structures, new uses.

It was decided that the Committee could meet with the Selectboard on December 13 at 6 PM.

Sharing of dumpster with Old Brick Store. No one was sure whether Fire and Rescue had made a decision or communicated with Carrie MacKillop. Charles said he will talk with them and find out.

Agricultural lease at the Charlotte Park. Jenny said that the Park Oversight Committee submitted suggestions for the lease to the Selectboard and Dean. She wondered what the next steps should be. It was decided that Dean will coordinate the drafting of the lease.

Emergency Generator for Charlotte Central School. Jenny asked about following up on a grant for a generator. Someone will check with the school regarding whether the installation of wiring could be included in the construction project, and whether the school board's budget could provide the \$10,000 match for the \$50,000 grant

Town Volunteers Recognition Party. Jenny described the details of the arrangements.

Ed motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the Gaujac/Frost litigation.
Winslow seconded. Approved 5-0

John motioned to come out of Executive Session. Winslow seconded. Approved 5-0.
No action was taken.

John motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel performance reviews. Winslow seconded. Approved 5-0.

Ed motioned to come out of Executive Session; Winslow seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

Ed motioned to appoint Charles as supervisor of work in the Planning and Zoning Office. John seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

Ed motioned to adjourn; Winslow seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dean Bloch