

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD MEETING
July 13, 2009**

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

SELECTBOARD ASSISTANT: not present

OTHERS: Ellie Russell, Stephanie Choate, Jim Wells, Jonathan Freese, Steven Brooks

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Russell called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:04

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Add: Road and bridge paperwork need to be signed, trouble with door lock to building.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Steven Brooks said that annual money is allotted to clean up a specified mess. Which mess should be cleaned up? Program was adjusted at CSD because of inequities. Charlotte gets \$1,000. All towns should be encouraged to ask for more money as needed. Mr. Ladue said any properties that the town owns for example; school's storage should be cleaned. Mr. Brooks said there is no deadline to use the money. Mr. Stone said Thompson's point may need to be cleaned up. Mr. Ladue said Poor Farm and Flea market may need clean up. Mr. Ladue said the board will discuss it again in September right after school starts

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 6/8/09 AND 6/15/09

No motion

5. Jonathan Freese: Request to allow sign to remain in road right-of-way at 2035 Greenbush Road

Mr. Freese has a sign for home occupation may need to be moved out of the road right of way. Question as to what the width of the road is, not sure. Mr. Thornton stated that the road was once a three rod road but changed to four rod possibly. Sign should be left alone. Mr. Ladue said it would be interesting to find out why it is considered a four rod road

MOTION by Ms. Cole to grant permission to allow the sign to remain 25ft from the center of Greenbush road. Seconded by Mr. Thornton

VOTE: 5 ayes 0 nays, Motion Carried

6. Road and bridge paperwork needs approval

MOTION by Mr. Stone to approve Town Road and Bridge standards for the Town of Charlotte. Motion is seconded by Mr. Ladue. A copy of minutes must go to Mary.

VOTE: 5 ayes 0 nays, Motion Carried

- 7. Ancient Roads – evaluate Line Drive, Lost Lane and Trails End to determine whether to hold hearings to consider adding these roads to the Town Highway Map. Review information regarding the status of Olde Carriage Road to determine if further action is needed. POTENTIAL ACTION: direct staff to warn hearing(s), or alternatively, put roads on the “discontinue” list.**

Line Dr. and trails end are both on Ferrisburgh line. Discussion about Line Dr., Lost Lane, and Trails End.

Line Drive – Line Drive will not have a significant impact on the value of adjacent houses. Line Drive will be put on discontinue list

Trails End – Ellie Russell stated that there is no strong recommendation among the community to continue Trail’s end as a road. Trails End will be put on discontinue list

Lost Lane – Lost Lane is right next to the football field and is already in a public place. Lost Lane passes by houses. There is concern about the opinions of the property owners nearby. There will be a further conversation about Lost Lane.

Olde Carriage Road – Last action regarding Olde Carriage Road was in 1995 when the road was moved. Jim Wells is concerned because the road ends on his private property and does not continue through. It is a class 4 road, meaning it must be on state highway map. The concern is that this will increase traffic on a road that does not continue through. The road is interrupted by a ten foot section of trail. Mr. Ladue said we should leave the road how it is and wait to see if Legislature changes the law requiring Class 4 roads to be on the Highway map. Mr. Stone asked about the wildlife habitat in the area. The board will leave the road as it is for now.

- 8. Evaluate Ferry Road vehicle and pedestrian lane markings and consider whether pedestrian lanes should continue to the train station access road. POTENTIAL ACTION: Request that Junior Lewis have pedestrian and vehicle lanes marked on Ferry Road from Route 7 to the train station access road when the road is paved.**

Ms. Cole said the board should consider having pedestrian/bike lanes on the other side of the hill when Ferry Road is paved. Mr. Thornton explained that the road is too narrow to add pedestrian lane and it should be looked at carefully before the board acts on it.

9. Green Mountain Power

Tom Larson is concerned about that he would have to bury Green Mountain power lines feeding his residents it is close to his property.

There is not enough information now. The issue will be discussed at another time.

10. Door Lock

Mr. Ladue’s key does not work. There should be a new lock entirely. The spring is broken.

11. Whale Bones: Historic Site.

Should the board provide better access to the location where the whale was found? Harold Terrace (Hick's Road) which would be the road to access the site had been put on discontinue list.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Stone at 8:31
5 ayes 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher St. Martin
Recording Secretary