

**Town of Charlotte  
Selectboard Meeting  
8/10/09**

**Members Present:** Ed Stone, Charles Russell, Winslow Ladue, Frank Thornton, Jenny Cole

**Administration:** Dean Bloch, Selectboard assistant

**Others:** Mark Colgan, Katie Hill, Ellie Russell, Robbie Stanley, Hugh Lewis Jr., Marty Illick, Bill Frazer-Harris, Jessie Bradley, Carlie Krolick, Allan Jordan, Jessie Bradley, Karen Frost

1. **Call to order** – Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Adjustments to agenda** – Add Painting on the senior center, Schoolhouse wants to spend \$400 on a chimney
3. **Public Discussion** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes from 7/13/09 and 7/27/09**

Motion by Mr. Russell Seconded by Ms. Cole to approve the minutes as corrected from 7/13/09

5 ayes 0 nays, Motion Carried

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**5. Refund from Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. Potential Action: submit refund request**

Mr. Russell said it was an opportunity to save money.

MOTION by Mr. Ladue. Seconded by Mr. Russell to approve Municipality Certificate as to Municipal Bond

5 ayes 0 nays, Motion carried

**6. Green Mountain Power – petition to relocate/replace one utility pole, set two anchors and bury a section primary distribution line at 349 Lane's Lane on Thompson's Point. Potential action; approve petition.**

Mr. Ladue said there is potentially a second pump station not shown on the map. The map is not complete. Mr. Stone said we should have people from the state and from Green Mountain power come in to speak because the selectboard does not know enough. Ms. Cole was concerned whether there would be trees in the way. Mr. Ladue asked if the town as a standard way of crossing power lines and septic. Ms. Cole said they plan to move the septic.

**7. Comcast Cable**

Mr. Bloch said that Comcast cable has put in an underground cable line on North Shore road. The selectboard will ask them to get permission, to cover costs of determining whether there was

damage to the Thompson's Point wastewater system force main and to pay for repair work if needed.

#### **8. Painting on the senior center**

John McCafferty was recommending a second coat on parts of the senior center. An extra coat would cost \$2,200 extra.

MOTION by Jenny Cole, Seconded by Mr. Stone to approve second coat in some areas.

5 ayes 0 nays, Motion carried

#### **9. Quinlan Bridge – discuss rehabilitation project with the project engineer. Discussion only.**

Katie Hill and Mark Colgan from VHB Pioneer, came in to speak to the selectboard concerning the rehabilitation project. There are a lot of strings attached because it is a federal project on a historic site. The goal is to preserve the historic value as much as possible. Colgan gave a briefing on VHB Pioneer. Mr. Russell asked if it would be worthwhile for the team to take on the upstream erosion project. Colgan said that the two projects would be separate. Ms. Hill said steel beams were added to the bridge in the 1980s. The problems are that the trusses are deteriorating, there is too much rot in the bridge at the joints, and the changing of the kneebraces has weakened the bridge. Final plans for the project will be ready by Spring/Summer 2011. They will come back to talk after the covered bridge committee meeting. The key thing to discuss is the uses. The heaviest thing that passes through is the plow truck when it is full of sand. Ms. Hill said to be careful with how much weight is on the bridge. Ms. Hill said that if large vehicles stay centered it is better. Curbs could be used to ensure that vehicles are centered. Ms. Hill said that the town will need to maintain the bridge in some places. The bridge will need some fire protection. The bridge will also need to be closed for a year during construction.

#### **10. Recreation commission – discuss maintenance work at Town beach**

The bank by the beach has been overgrown with junipers. Bill Frazer-Harris said they have money set aside for this work and would like to run it by the selectboard. All of the main trees will stay. The junipers are dead or dying. Mr. Ladue said the junipers keep people from going toward the rocks. Jessie Bradley said they could replace the junipers with something else. There have been three quotes for this project all are around \$2,000. There is also an issue with the water supply but that issue is separate. The recreation commission is all set for the project.

#### **11. Allan Jordan – request to waive fees for an affordable housing project (creating two dwelling units). Potential action: approve request.**

Asking to waive the \$50 fee for a housing project Sketch Plan Review. The project would convert barns into two housing units. They will come back to request further fee waivers.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole to waive \$50 fee for affordable housing units.

5 ayes 0 nays, Motion carried

**12. Burns property – discuss designation of open space and future conservation by The Nature Conservancy. Discussion only**

Mr. Bloch said the point of this discussion is for the board to identify the area that will be designated as open space. It was proposed that the open space be 27 acres. Mr. Stone said the board should do one thing at a time and set aside the open space. Ms. Cole asked if there was any reason to keep the flea market area a separate lot. Mr. Stone said the board should discuss the septic capacity with the nature conservancy. Jim Donovan said there may be a desire for transportation through the area someday. Mr. Russell said the board will talk about it next meeting when they have more information. Mr. Stone said the board should talk to the nature conservancy before making up their minds.

**13. Higbee Road Extension – review research and decide whether to warn public hearing. Potential action: warn public hearing to add Higbee Road extension to Town Highway Map as a legal trail.**

Mr. Bloch said there was a survey done. Mr. Thornton said there was a lawsuit over this property line in the 1920s. The board will have a site visit.

**14. Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization – offer of funding to assist with the design of the Co-housing Trail. Potential action: approve request for funding.**

The board must ask for funding of the trail planning work. The town will be reimbursed 80%.

MOTION by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve the letter requesting funding from CCMPO for the co-housing trail.

4 ayes 0 nays 1 abstained (Frank), Motion carried

**15. Schoolhouse chimney**

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole to give \$450 out of the selectboard miscellaneous fund to repair the Quinlan Schoolhouse

5 ayes 0 nays, Motion carried

**16. Updates**

The light at the intersection of Greenbush Road and Ferry Road is flashing yellow and needs to be replaced. Mr. Stone said in two or three days there will be a radar unit on Greenbush Road. Mr. Russell said there will be a meeting Monday 8/17/09 concerning the wildlife habitat map (Open discussion).

**17. Adjournment**

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue to adjourn at 9:38

5 ayes 0 nays, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher St. Martin  
Recording Secretary