

CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD
Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Approved on November 23, 2009

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

Call to Order: Mr. Russell called the Selectboard to order at 7:33 PM

Charlotte Land Trust—withdrawal of request for \$60,000 from Charlotte Conservation Fund. *Potential action: Rescind motion to hold a special town meeting during the week of November 16, 2009.*

MOTION by Jenny Cole to rescind the motion to hold a special town meeting during the week of November 16, 2009.

SECONDED by Winslow Ladue

The Nature Conservancy would like to rescind the motion but would like to get any money that they can get from the Conservation Fund. There is still an issue of whether the board can legally use the funds for an out of town project. The board may be able to use the money because it benefits the town in general. The original article creating the conservation fund did not specify how to spend the money. Mr. Thornton raised the concern that the Town will have no control of the land. Ms. Cole stated that the conservation fund was made for the purpose of funding projects like this one. The document does not specify who acquires the rights to the land but Mr. Thornton asked why a party beside the Town would acquire the rights. The board discussed executory interest that the town would hold if the money is donated. Mr. Stone said the board needs to adjust the wording of the conservation fund. The board probably will need to vote on this request from the conservation fund before they adjust the wording. Mr. Russell said that the board would like to discuss which costs are attributable to Charlotte.

VOTE: 5 ayes 0 nays motion rescinded.

Review bids for snow plowing and shoveling of Town properties. *Potential action: Award contract*

Two bids have been received; one from Dick Preston, one from Dale Knowles. The parking lot and sidewalks will be salted and sanded for both bids. The salt and sand were about the same price, the question was which bid would be cheaper to salt and to sand. Dale Knowles said he would not charge if the amount of salt and sand needed exceeded the amount stated in the bid. Dick Preston was not present at the meeting.

MOTION by Ed Stone to award contract for the snowplowing and shoveling to MOW! MOW! MOW! 1324 Ferry Road in Charlotte for the 2009-2010 Winter season for the price of \$601.25 as specified in the bid.

SECONDED by Jenny Cole

VOTE: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 abstained (Winslow Ladue)

MOTION to adjourn by Ed Stone at 8:30 PM

SECONDED by Charles Russell

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Chris St. Martin