

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD MEETINGS
DECEMBER 18, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Russell, Acting Chairperson; Jenny Cole, Ed Stone, Frank Thornton. (Absent: Eleanor Russell)

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Selectboard Assistant.

OTHERS: Robert Mack Jr, Hugh Lewis Jr.

(NOTE: transcribed from audio tape)

APPROVED

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

4. CHARLOTTE WILDLIFE REFUGE AND PARK EROSION

Mr. Russell reviewed water erosion issues at the agricultural fields and trails at the Charlotte Wildlife Refuge and Park.

Ms. Cole noted that someone has been doing some work at the park, and asked (Mr. Mack Jr) if the disturbed area at the back of the field would be restored and seeded as it was.

Mr. Mack Jr showed the location of water erosion areas on a map, and explained paths that water runoff follows down the track and down the hill.

There was discussion regarding water damage on the trails; a heavy rain that also damaged the trails including recently upgraded areas; and water that runs down through the fields and trails.

Ms. Cole said that gravel was to be pulled back on the trails. Scott Barnes would be asked to assess the damage. Mr. Mack Jr explained that his traffic had not damaged the trails.

For access Mr. Mack Jr said that he would like to come out of the top end of the field, more to the west. Mulch could be applied to the damaged areas. Mr. Russell replied that the Charlotte Wildlife Refuge and Park Committee would discuss a different opening and how to access the trails.

Mr. Russell asked where the water would run off once the area was re-seeded and fixed up. Mr. Mack Jr showed where water ran down the tracks and a swale that would take the water down on a park map. The majority of water pooled and ran across the trail. You don't water to follow down the trail. The trail needs water bars installed to re-route water down through the woods, said Mr. Mack Jr.

Mr. Mack Jr said that the agricultural land was not the problem. It was an issue of when there was time to seed it. The water coming down through there has nothing to do with (Robert Mack). The erosion in the entire park was looked at. There were 15-16 loads of gravel put in last year.

On another matter, Mr. Stone stated that Robert Mack Jr shouldn't call the Road Commissioner to clean up the mess on the roads that Mr. Mack Jr. makes with his equipment. The Town wants Mr. Mack Jr to clean it up.

Mr. Lewis Jr, Charlotte Road Commissioner, explained that Mr. Mack Jr's equipment left mud on Lake Road. The Town received a call from Mary Mead regarding a road full of mud. Robert Mack Jr should clean up after himself. There are concerns that if something happens who would be liable. Robert has called the Highway Department at least five times this year, said Mr. Lewis Jr.

5. BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Selectboard reviewed Town budget items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Stone, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Russell); motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathlyn Furr, Recording Secretary.

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