

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 11, 2012**

Approved on April 23, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Russell, Chairperson; Ed Stone, Dennis Delaney (by Skype, John Owen (by phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Winslow Ladue

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Selectboard Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ellie Russell, Patrice Machavern, Marion Paris, Heather Manning, Dorothy Pellett, John Hammer, Thomas Nola, Patty Horsford, Jim Donovan, Robin Reid, Joe Blanchette, Stephen Brooks, Michael Krasnow, Mike Russell, Margaret Russell, Sharon Beal, Sheri Duffy, Charlotte Citizen; and Nancy Wood, Charlotte News.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Russell, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ACT ON SUBMITTED PETITIONS

Mr. Russell stated that there is one item on the agenda—he read the agenda. Then he read the draft warning.

Mr. Russell said that it seemed May 16 is the best date for the Special Town Meeting. Others agreed.

MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Delaney, to call a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday May 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM to vote on two articles as stated in valid petitions presented to the Town Clerk on March 30, 2012 and April 10, 2012, respectively, for which the warning will be reviewed by the Town Attorney, and authorize the Chair to sign the warning on the behalf of other Selectboard members.

DISCUSSION

Heather Manning asked if all of the arrangements have been made for the meeting. Mr. Russell said yes.

VOTE: 4 ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Russell noted that, with regard to looking at the finances of Fire and Rescue, the State Auditor's Office has asked the Selectboard to authorize looking at financial audits from fiscal years 2007 to 2011, looking at the financial records for the period of July 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012, and talking with the elected auditors and talking with the contracted auditors. Other Selectboard members agreed with having the State Auditor's Office do this.

Mr. Russell asked if there were any questions. Marion Paris asked if there are any limitations on getting voters to attend the Special Town Meeting, for example are they allowed to put up signs around town? Mr. Russell said there are no limitations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4 ayes; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dean Bloch