

1 **CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD**
2 **MINUTES OF MEETING**
3 **TOWN HALL**
4 **FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

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6 **APPROVED**
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9 **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS:** Charles Russell, Chair; Lane Morrison, Ellie Russell,
10 Winslow Ladue, John Owen.

11 **ADMINISTRATION:** Dean Bloch, Town Administrator.

12 **OTHERS:** Ed Cafferty, Ben Pualwan, Bonnie Christie, Fritz Tegatz, Jenny Cole, Mike
13 Yantachka, John Hammer, Charlotte News; and others.

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15 **ITEMS TAKEN UP:**

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 - **Community Safety Committee – action item**
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18 **CALL TO ORDER**

19 Mr. Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
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21 **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

22 None.
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24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

25 None.
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27 **COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE – action item**

28 Ben Pualwan briefly reviewed a 2013 Community Safety Committee (CSC) report.
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30 Mr. Owen suggested that a list of action items was needed. Did the CSC have any
31 recommendation versus options, asked Mr. Owen.
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33 Mr. Morrison suggested that the CSC could summarize the report at the Town Meeting,
34 and could say that “the study was on-going and there were options on the table for
35 discussion.” Mr. Pualwan replied that the committee could narrate a ten minute power
36 point presentation based on the report with a Q and A following.
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38 Mr. Owen suggested a continuation of the CSC. With a small amount of funds traffic
39 calming and enforcement could be done on Spear Street and Greenbush Road, said Mr.
40 Owen.
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42 Mr. Yantachka suggested a four-way stop at the Lime Kiln/Mt Philo Road intersection.
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44 **SUGGESTIONS:**

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 - Continue the committee with the current members.

- 46 • Conduct a comprehensive review of Charlotte's roadways to identify problematic
47 segments that would allow for traffic studies based on those segments.
48 • Bring in emergency management planning with traffic calming as an experiment
49 to gage effectiveness.
50 • Increased police presence in Charlotte focused on traffic aspects.
51 • Identify economic impacts of traffic enforcement related to the Town budget.
52 • Pro-actively plan for the Route 7 reconstruction and impacts of diverted traffic on
53 secondary roads.
54 • Outreach to the community to include the community as part of the process.
55 • Address safety recommendations for bikes and pedestrians in the Town Plan.
56 • Selectboard tasked to properly post roads 'to the letter' of the law, review
57 ordinance and change to coordinate with proper signage.
58 • Contact the CCRPC regarding input and resources.
59 • Consider the Vermont State Police proposal to provide an expanded role in
60 Charlotte.
61 • Identify additional funds to add to the Town budget Traffic Enforcement line item
62 and stimulate a discussion at Town Meeting.
63 • Consider utilizing movable rubber 'tables' bolted to the road for traffic calming.
64 • Strategic planning for traffic calming as 'road improvement', legal signage, and
65 police enforcement as a complete package – hire a traffic engineer to draft a
66 study.
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68 There was further discussion regarding an increase to the Traffic Enforcement line item
69 at Town Meeting; a suggestion to use Shelburne Police's traffic counter equipment to
70 monitor speeds on the roads, and that the Selectboard would move forward with changes
71 to the ordinance to support and implement recommendations from traffic studies, spend
72 funds on traffic calming and enforcement.
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74 **MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Owen, to approve a continuation of the**
75 **Community Safety Committee for at least one year, and to invite the present**
76 **committee members to renew their service on the committee.**

77 **AMENDED by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Owen, to limit the committee to seven**
78 **members.**

79 **VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**
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81 **MOTION by Mr. Ladue, seconded by Mr. Owen, that the Selectboard would**
82 **recommend at the 2014 Town Meeting a transfer of proposed reductions of an**
83 **amount to be determined from the Bridge Reconstruction line item in the Town**
84 **budget to the Traffic Enforcement line item that would be re-named as a Public**
85 **Safety line item.**

86 **VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**
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88 Mr. Pualwan stated that as a member of the committee and townsperson, he would
89 support the consensus portion of the CSC report, and \$40,000 for traffic calming and
90 enforcement, which was reasonable. He would not support increased funding of \$50,000,
91 or more for police enforcement, said Mr. Pualwan.

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93 The Selectboard members thanked the CSC members for their report and efforts.

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95 **ADJOURNMENT**

96 **MOTION by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to adjourn the meeting.**

97 **VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**

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99 The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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101 Minutes respectfully submitted, Kathlyn L. Furr, Recording Secretary.

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