

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
TOWN HALL
April 22, 2019**

APPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Matthew Krasnow, Carrie Spear, Fritz Tegatz, Frank Tenney, Louise McCarren

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Town Administrator

OTHERS: Scooter MacMillan, Peter Trono, Nan Mason, Bill Fraser Harris, Megan Price, Rebecca Foster, Mark Dillenbeck, Christy Gallese, Suzy Hodgdon, Doug Paton, Linda Radimer, Jessie Bradley, Dorothy Hill, Jenny Cole, Betsy Rich, Hugh Lewis, Jr., Margaret Russell, Sue Hoxie, John Quinney, Robert and Nancy Bloch, Mike Yantanachka, Hans O'Hanian, Mike Russell, Lori Fisher, Peter Joslin, David Garbose, Kim Coda, Christina Booher, Craig Reynolds

AGENDA ITEMS:

6:00 PM Adjustments to the agenda
6:01 PM Opening of Bids for Playground Reconstruction
6:10 PM Applications to the Vermont Bond Bank for the library addition and ambulance
6:15PM Interviews for Appointments—see Page 2 of Agenda
6:35 PM Grant application for an EV charging station at Library with \$1,881.50 town match
6:40 PM Select contractor to remove hazard Ash trees on Lake Road
7:00PM Public Comment
7:05PM Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN)—application for fundraising bicycle ride on September 21, 2019 on Spear Street, Bingham Brook Road, Guinea Road, Hinesburg Road, Ferry Road, Greenbush Road
7:15PM Agreement with Lake Champlain Committee to allow the Town Beach to be used as a Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail site, and be included in the Trail Guidebook
7:20PM West Charlotte village parking—discussion
7:35 PM Consideration to rescind Town right-of-way at 95 Inn Road
7:45PM Continuation of Public Hearing for proposed amendment to the Town Plan (primarily related to energy use, generation and siting)
8:45 PM Little Garden Market, LLC—renewal of 1stClass Commercial Caterer License to Sell Malt and Vinous Beverages; 2ndClass License to Sell Malt and Vinous Beverages; and renewal of Tobacco License; all for License Year of May 1, 2019 –April 30, 2020 (to be acted on as Board of Liquor Control)
8:50PM Minutes: April 8, 2019; April 15, 2019
8:55 PM Selectboard updates
9:00 PM Approve warrants to pay bills
9:05PM Adjournment

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matthew Krasnow called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Adjustments to the agenda

Add Dorothy Hill—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2020

Opening of Bids for Playground Reconstruction

Two bids were received from one company: Pettinelli & Associates. Dean will create a comparison sheet of the costs for the different designs for the SB to discuss on May 13. In response to Louise's question as to why there was only one bidder, Bill Fraser-Harris stated there is only one company in Vermont that works on playground reconstruction. Others are out of state which makes it much more expensive and they would still use the Vermont company as a subcontractor.

Applications to the Vermont Bond Bank for the library addition and ambulance

Dean said Mary put together applications for the bond bank for the library addition and the ambulance. They include financial information and schedules as to when the Town would be asking for money from the bond bank.

MOTION by Louise, seconded by Fritz, to approve applications to the Vermont Bond Bank for the library addition and ambulance with authorization for the chair to sign. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Interviews for Appointments

Christy Gallese—appointment to the Recreation Commission for term ending April 30, 2022

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Frank, to approve the appointment of Christy Gallese to the Recreation Commission for term ending April 30, 2022. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Craig Reynolds—reappointment to the Recreation Commission for term ending April 30, 2022

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Carrie, to approve the appointment of Craig Reynolds to the Recreation Commission for term ending April 30, 2022. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Linda Radimer—reappointment to the Conservation Commission for a term ending April 30, 2023

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to approve the reappointment of Linda Radimer to the Conservation Commission for a term ending April 30, 2023. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Christina Booher—reappointment to the Village Wastewater Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Carrie, to approve the reappointment of Christina Booher to the Village Wastewater Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Doug Paton—appointment to the Energy Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021

MOTION by Louise, seconded by Fritz, to approve the appointment of Doug Paton to the Energy Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Jenny Cole—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2020

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Fritz, to approve appointment of Jenny Cole to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2020. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Dorothy Hill—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2020

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Frank, to approve appointment of Dorothy Helm to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2020. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Andrew Milliken—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to approve appointment of Andrew Milliken to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Greg Smith—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Fritz, to approve appointment of Greg Smith to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Jessie Bradley—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Louise, to approve the appointment of Jessie Bradley to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Julian Kulski—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Frank, to approve appointment of Julian Kulski to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Mark Dillenbeck—appointment to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Louise, to approve appointment of Mark Dillenbeck to the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Betsy Rich—appointment to the Thompson's Point Design Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to approve appointment of Betsy Rich to the Thompson's Point Design Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Peter Trono—appointment to the vacant seat on the Board of Auditors until the next election

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Louise, to approve appointment of Peter Trono to the vacant seat on the Board of Auditors until the next election. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Grant application for an EV charging station at Library with \$1,881.50 town match
Bill Kallock and Margaret Woodruff had provided a resolution to the SB. The issue went before the PC last week and they endorsed it. It was stated that the EV charging station is in the Town Plan. Louise wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance of it and who owns it. It was recognized that the Town would own it. Frank wanted to know if those parking spots would be able to be used by non-electric car owners. It was said that anybody can park there. Carrie said she would like to see the submitted letter/resolution written by Bill in full as it is going to be submitted.

MOTION by Louise, seconded by Fritz, to approve applying for a grant for an EV charging station at Library with \$1,881.50 town match. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Select contractor to remove hazard Ash trees on Lake Road

Dean said there were five bidders and he compiled them in a report for the SB. Teachers' Tree Service and Chris' Lawn Care were low bidders and were within \$25 of each other. Mark said he was pleased with the bids but preferred Teachers' Tree Service because they are tree specialists. Carrie advocated for Chris' Lawn Care. Matt said he saw the lowest bidder committing to do it in half the time and was inclined to vote for Teachers' Tree Service especially since they were specialists and that was the recommendation from an arborist on the committee. It was asked if being a certified arborist was in the RFP and Matt said, no. Fritz said he opted to go with the lowest bidder as well which was Teachers' Tree Service. Louise asked Mark about his preference for Teachers' Tree Service and he said his predecessor Larry Hamilton held them in high regard.

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Frank, to select Chris' Lawn Care as the contractor to remove hazard Ash trees on Lake Road. VOTE: 3 ayes; 1 nay (Matt Krasnow); 1 abstaining (Fritz Tegatz); motion carried.

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to allow the closure the section of Lake Road between Thompson's Point Road to Sentinel Cedar Lane for the removal of Ash trees. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Fritz requested a 24-hour notice to CVFRS before the road is closed.

Public Comment

Megan Price said she is trying to get speed limits reduced. She said wildlife crossing signs are coming. She discussed the 50 mph signs for Ferry Road and said they should be 35 mph signs. She voiced her concerns about people walking on the roads to get to the trails, bikes hitting gravel, narrow shoulders and runners on the roads. She said she and her neighbors are looking into buying \$200 speed signs to photograph and clock speeders.

Mike Yantachka said with increased use of bikes on major thoroughfares the Town needs to reconsider speed limits. He referred to a 2013/2014 Charlotte Community Safety Committee report on traffic calming recommendations. He said they are still valid today. He left a hard copy and asked the SB to take a look at it. He mentioned the work that had already been done looking into Complete Streets a while ago and thinks this concept needs to be looked at again so people can walk safely and he offered to help with any efforts to do that.

The Trails Committee said they are all in favor of making Charlotte a pedestrian friendly town and funding is needed to link it to the Town Link Trail. Matt said this will be discussed more on May 13 when the State Police will be at that meeting to talk about their work as part of the traffic calming discussion.

Robert Bloch suggested talking with the owner of the ferry. Matt said that was a great idea. Fritz mentioned that Charlotte might be on the list for State money and plans for bicycle transportation that connects to New York. This will be researched for the next meeting.

Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN)—application for fundraising bicycle ride on September 21, 2019 on Spear Street, Bingham Brook Road, Guinea Road, Hinesburg Road, Ferry Road, Greenbush Road

Sue Hoxie presented. She was hired to manage this year's Tour de Farms. She was there to ask for the Town's permission to operate the ride through the Town. The event is aligned with the Eat on the Green in Vergennes. The riders end at that event. There will be 300 to 350 riders that leave from Vergennes High School. Through the 30 miles they stop at 7 different farms to sample foods and check out the farms. Sue spoke about where the volunteers will be stationed and what Charlotte farms might be on the list of possible stops. She noted the permits already obtained with VTRANS and the Dept. of Public Safety.

Frank requested more volunteers at certain intersections for safety reasons. Christina said the soccer jamboree is on the same day. Matt said they don't park in the road so that is not an issue. Bill Fraser-Harris from the Recreation Commission said he will help facilitate this since this is a new ride in town. Sue said this is the 12th year for this event and they change the route every three years so riders can experience new farm stops.

Hans O'Hanian wanted to know if all of the riders would wear helmets and rear view mirrors. Sue said helmet are mandatory but that rear view mirrors are not enforced. Dave Garbose said the rear-view mirrors are more dangerous that they are worth.

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to approve the Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN) application for fundraising bicycle ride on September 21, 2019 on Spear Street, Bingham Brook Road, Guinea Road, Hinesburg Road, Ferry Road, Greenbush Road to be signed by the chair and with the added volunteers at discussed intersections. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Agreement with Lake Champlain Committee to allow the Town Beach to be used as a Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail site, and be included in the Trail Guidebook

Lori Fisher, director of the Lake Champlain Committee said the Lake Champlain Paddlers Trail has 40 municipal sites. Charlotte Town Beach is part of that trail system. The guidebook is publish for members and all of the municipalities sign off on this annually. Discussion about their work and the Charlotte site on the trail took place.

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Louise, to approve Agreement with Lake Champlain Committee to allow the Town Beach to be used as a Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail site, and be included in the Trail Guidebook. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

West Charlotte village parking—discussion

Peter Joslin spoke about a parking subcommittee made up of members from each party involved. He said time is of the essence. Said he would be a liaison and will update the SB on the committee development and suggested it start with 9 members.

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to approve West Charlotte Village Parking Subcommittee to consist of 9 members. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Consideration to rescind Town right-of-way at 95 Inn Road

Kim Locke owns 95 Inn Road and is trying to sell her home. Her mound system was installed prior to her purchasing the property in what is an historic ROW, so she can't sell the property until this matter is resolved. The system was installed by the previous owners as a condition of her purchase. The system was permitted by the Town. She said it seems there was no survey done to see where the ROW was before the permit was granted.

Dean said the Trails Committee was not interested in having the ROW as a trail. It was required by the Planning Commission to service a potential subdivision but it was never conveyed to the Town, and after White Birch Lane was completed it was no longer needed. There may be rights in adjoining property-owners' deeds.

Peter Joslin said the PC had a site visit and sketch plan review and it was the PC decision to get a legal opinion and the lawyer said the Town has to vote that they have no interest of ever having a road there. The residents would then have to be contacted by the property owner. Peter said it would be up to the land users from here but the Town would be relinquished from anything about this from this point after the vote.

MOTION by Louise, seconded by Fritz, to rescind jurisdiction of the Town right-of-way at 95 Inn Road. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Continuation of Public Hearing for proposed amendment to the Town Plan (primarily related to energy use, generation and siting)

More corrections were discussed and made to the Town Plan related to energy use. The final vote has to be before Nov. 15. This discussion will continue June 10.

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Louise, to continue the Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the Town Plan (primarily related to energy use, generation and siting) to June 10th. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

Little Garden Market, LLC—renewal of 1st Class Commercial Caterer License to Sell Malt and Vinous Beverages; 2nd Class License to Sell Malt and Vinous Beverages; and renewal of Tobacco License; all for License Year of May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020 (to be acted on as Board of Liquor Control)

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Carrie, to reconvene as Board of Liquor Control. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Fritz, to approve Little Garden Market, LLC's renewal of 1st Class Commercial Caterer License to Sell Malt and Vinous Beverages; 2nd Class License to Sell Malt and Vinous Beverages; and renewal of

Tobacco License; all for License Year of May 1, 2019 –April 30, 2020. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Fritz, seconded by Carrie, to reconvene as Selectboard. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Louise, seconded by Fritz, to approve April 8 Selectboard Minutes as amended. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

MOTION by Carrie, seconded by Fritz, to approve April 15 Selectboard minutes as amended. VOTE: 4 ayes; 1 abstention (Matthew Krasnow); motion carried.

Selectboard updates

Matt discussed a Thursday 3:45 meeting and said it will be a regular time to meet to discuss logistics and funding for the Library.

Louise met with Trails Committee and requested a map. Dean said he will arrange for that with the \$50 donation from Louise.

Dean said the railroad crossing requests electrical power and overhead lines were discussed. Selectboard members indicated that Dean should advocate for power lines to be installed under Thompson's Point Road instead of the use of overhead lines.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn, seconded. VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.

The Selectboard meeting was adjourned at 9:11p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Lynn Monty, Recording Secretary.