

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TOWN HALL  
JANUARY 26, 2017**

**APPROVED**

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS:** Lane Morrison, Chair; Carrie Spear, Fritz Tegatz, Matthew Krasnow. **ABSENT:** Jacob Spell.

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

**OTHERS:** Robert Mack, David Miskell, Liam Murphy, John Hammer, Charlotte News; and others.

**ITEMS TAKEN UP:**

- Thompson's Point – reappraisal of land/lots
- FY18 Budget – final approval for the Town Meeting Warning
- Warning for Town Meeting 2017 – final approval

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Morrison, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**THOMPSON'S POINT – REAPPRAISAL OF LAND/LOTS**

Mr. Morrison noted that the intent of the Selectboard meeting was to sign-off on the 2017 Town Meeting Warning. The FY18 budget includes a line item for the cost to reappraise the Thompson's Point lots. The appraiser, Ed Clodfelder, has given an estimate of \$5,000, which would increase the Lister – Appraiser line item from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The appraiser will meet with Betsy Tegatz, Lister, tomorrow to finalize the cost. The Thompson's Point land values are expected to go down, which will result in a decrease in the Thompson's Point Rent revenues. Mary Mead, Town Treasurer, recommends waiting to finalize the budget until the actual amounts can be calculated, explained Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Bloch clarified that the result might be a 4-5 percent decrease and that will increase the current projected tax rate of \$0.1781. If the Thompson's Point rent goes down then the "dollars to raise" will go up, said Mr. Bloch.

Mr. Morrison asked Mr. Krasnow if he was still comfortable asking the Town to approve an Article for an additional \$40,000 for trails. Mr. Krasnow replied yes. It is outside the budget, said Mr. Krasnow.

Mr. Mack pointed out that any decrease to the Thompson's Point land values would result in a 4-5 percent drop in the Grand List, not to the revenue stream. Mr. Morrison said that he would clarify the matter with Mary Mead and Betsy Tegatz.

Following further discussion, a Selectboard meeting was scheduled for Monday, 01/30/2017, at 4:30 p.m. to finalize the budget and to sign off on the 2017 Town Meeting Warning.

**FY18 BUDGET – FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN MEETING WARNING**

No action taken.

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2017 – FINAL APPROVAL**

No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Morrison said that the Planning Commission meeting for this evening regarding a public hearing related to a proposed Land Use Regulation change was not properly warned. A Planning Commission public hearing is warned for 02/16/2017, and has been confirmed. A Selectboard hearing on the proposed Land Use change will be held on 03/06/2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Central School, prior to the 6:00 p.m. pumper truck bond vote informational hearing, said Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Murphy explained that the Planning Commission had raised questions regarding the proposed Land Use Regulation change. New language has been submitted and the Selectboard can make those changes as supported by the petition, said Mr. Murphy.

Dates proposed:

- March 6, 2017, 4:30 p.m. informational hearing regarding proposed Land Use Regulation changes; 6:00 p.m. informational hearing regarding a CVFRS bond request for a new pumper truck
- March 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. March Town Meeting
- April 6, 2017, informational hearing in support of the April 11<sup>th</sup> Australian ballot votes
- April 11, 2017, polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Australian ballot votes for the FY18 Town Budget, an Article for Trails of \$40,000, and a proposed Land Use Regulation change.

Mr. Morrison asked what the procedure is if the voters modify the Town budget at Town Meeting. Will the Selectboard need to take formal action prior to the April 11<sup>th</sup> Australian ballot vote, asked Mr. Morrison. Mr. Bloch read a section of the Town Charter and said that the Selectboard would need to sign a revised warning after Town Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Mr. Krasnow, seconded by Mr. Tegatz, to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Spell); motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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