

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
TOWN HALL
JANUARY 30, 2017**

APPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Lane Morrison, Chair; Carrie Spear, Fritz Tegatz, Matthew Krasnow (via telecommunication at 4:32 p.m.). **ABSENT:** Jacob Spell.

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Town Administrator.

OTHERS: Mary Mead, 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 4:28 p.m.

THOMPSON'S POINT – REAPPRAISAL OF LAND/LOTS

Mr. Bloch reported that Ed Clodfelder, Appraiser, had met with the Listers on Friday, 01/27/2017. The Town wide reappraisal resulted in a 10 percent reduction. For FY18, it is estimated that Thompsons Point revenues will change from the current \$890,000 to \$802,000 for an \$88,000 reduction in revenue. The cost of a reappraisal is estimated at \$5,000. A question is if the reappraisal is needed. It is not required, said Mr. Bloch.

In response to Selectboard questions, Ms. Mead explained that a whole town reappraisal was done last year, except for Thompson's Point. It is not fair to keep Thompson's Point at a higher land value then the rest of the lakeshore properties. Thompson's Point should be kept in line with other land schedules in Town. A reappraisal of Thompson's Point can be done at anytime. It was last done in 2011, and was done in 2004 prior to that. A 10 percent reduction is an estimate assuming that everything else remains the same, said Ms. Mead.

There was further discussion regarding reappraisal of Thompson's Point based on lake front sales data.

FY18 BUDGET – FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN MEETING WARNING

Ms. Spear suggested revisiting the draft FY18 budget for areas that could be reduced as an offset to an estimated loss in revenue. For example, the CVFRS Capital Reserve fund could be reduced by \$20,000 for a new balance of \$100,000, said Ms. Spear.

Ms. Mead said that the CVFRS Capital Reserve fund has a \$350,000 balance. The department has purchased all needed bunker gear. Next year there will be payments on bond interest rates and some equipment for \$75,000±. CVFRS will not be shorted at all

by reducing the Capital Reserve fund by \$20,000. The cost of equipment changes every year, noted Ms. Mead.

Mr. Tegatz stated that he had no interest in going over the budget again.

(NOTE: Mr. Krasnow said he needed to disconnect his call and would call in again.)

MOTION by Mr. Tegatz, seconded by Ms. Spear, to approve the FY17/18 “dollars to be raised by taxes” of \$1,672,291, expenses of \$3,046,847 for the fiscal year July 1, and revenues of \$1,374,556 to be raised from non-tax revenues.

VOTE: 3 ayes, 2 absent (Mr. Krasnow, Mr. Spell); motion carried.

WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2017 – FINAL APPROVAL

The Selectboard reviewed the draft Town Meeting Warning as follows:

- Article 5 – no changes
- Article 6 – following a discussion, Mr. Morrison said that the proposed \$40,000 for trails is not included in the Town budget. Ms. Mead suggested that it is better to show the Town voters the impact to the tax rate if the article is approved, or not approved, so that the voters know what they are voting on.
- Article 12 – keep the bond amount at \$625,000 for the cost of the new pumper truck and related equipment (no other costs, such as legal fees, were included), and change to read “...Town of Charlotte in an amount...”.

MOTION by Mr. Tegatz, seconded by Ms. Spear, to approve the 2017 Town Meeting Warning articles as presented, with a correction to Article 12 as follows:

- Change to read “...Town of Charlotte in an amount...”.

VOTE: 3 ayes, 2 absent (Mr. Krasnow, Mr. Spell); motion carried.

Mr. Bloch revised the 2017 Annual Town Meeting document to include the Article 12 change. The Selectboard signed the revised document. Ms. Mead notarized the Selectboard signatures.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bloch reported that he had received an e-mail from the Addison County Regional Planning office regarding the TDI project. The law office of Murphy, Sullivan and Kronk has asked to present information to the five towns and requested that each town send an executive to attend, said Mr. Bloch.

Mr. Hammer pointed out that Jacob Spell has been the Selectboard liaison in the TDI matter. Mr. Bloch said that Mr. Spell is leaving the Selectboard.

Mr. Tegatz and Mr. Bloch volunteered to attend the TDI presentation, tentatively scheduled for February 13, 2017.

It was noted that a regular Selectboard meeting is scheduled for the same date in the evening.

Mr. Morrison reviewed a VLCT handout regarding Social Services as per 24 V.S.A. §2691. Mr. Morrison noted that the Town does not contract with any social services and the issue does not apply to the Charlotte Donation requests.

There was discussion regarding Charlotte donations to various charities and organizations that are included in the Town budget for a total of \$25,000. Mr. Tegatz said that he will ask the voters to discuss Town donations at the Town Meeting. The Town does use the services of Front Porch Forum and the Charlotte News, said Mr. Tegatz.

Mr. Bloch will provide a copy of agency donation requests/materials in the Selectboard mailboxes for the Selectboard review.

(NOTE: Mr. Krasnow reestablished telecommunication at 5:15 p.m.)

Mr. Krasnow will come to the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, to sign the approved 2017 Town Meeting Warning.

APPROVE WARRANTS TO PAY BILLS

The Selectboard reviewed and signed warrants to pay bills.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Tegatz, seconded by Ms. Spear, to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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