

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TOWN HALL  
JANUARY 06, 2020**

**APPROVED**

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS:** Chair Matthew Krasnow, Vice Chair Frank Tenney, Louise McCarren, Carrie Spear and Fritz Tegatz

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dean Bloch, Town Administrator

**OTHERS:** Julian Phelps, Dave Marshall, Ben Mason

**AGENDA ITEM:**

5:30 PM Sewer Allocation and Sewer Use Ordinances

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Matthew Krasnow called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

**Adjustments to the agenda**

None

**Sewer Allocation and Sewer Use Ordinances**

Matt Krasnow had two typographical error corrections to the notices. Dean printed out a clean copy of the notices.

Carrie Spear asked for further discussion before the SB voted on the ordinances. Her first concern centered around pressure to make a decision based on statements regarding how long the Wastewater Committee has been hard at work. She admitted to never attending a Wastewater Committee meeting and asked if there were ever any private wastewater disposal options explored.

Second, Carrie asked why the town should take on such an administrative burden. Matt and Fritz Tegatz both explained the few parcels these new ordinances would apply to and spoke about how successful and lucrative other long-sustained similar projects in town have fared. Carrie asked if there would be fees captured to cover the added administrative costs in the years to come. Frank Tenney said the plan is for this project to be self-sufficient. Louise McCarren said this is being done strategically and that she comes to the SB with a background in rate design. Dave Marshall said there was a lot of time spent on the subject of not burdening the town staff with the administrative duties with this project and that there would be appropriate compensation. Dave said they spent time studying the inner workings of the town to see if it was reasonable. There was a decision made to make this a pay-as-you-go utility. Louise said the fee schedules will be much like the gas rates and other utilities we are so familiar with and that these rates are adjustable.

Carrie asked Dave if he has a conflict of interest. Dave said there is potential for a conflict of interest and said he made it clear to the committee from the start. He said his job has been to organize the needs of the town and not to impose his will on the committee. Fritz said it was made clear in the committee meetings that Dave might have a conflict of interest and everyone was sensitive to that when making educated decisions.

Frank agreed with Carrie about looking into other options that have not been researched. Frank said spending time to be involved with committees is important. Carrie asked for more young people to come to the meetings. She said there are few opportunities to hear everyone's opinions. Fritz said he received calls from people during the process and he answered them all one by one.

Louise said not everyone agrees and that happens. Carrie said she is excited but is also apprehensive as this is a big turning point for Charlotte.

As a "friendly amendment" Frank requested that a correction be made to the notices to strike the words "where none exists today."

**MOTION by Louise McCarren, seconded by Fritz Tegatz, to approve the Sewer Allocation and Sewer Use Ordinances. VOTE: 4 ayes; 1 opposed (Frank Tenney); motion carried.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Matt Krasnow, seconded by Frank Tenney, to adjourn at 6:45 pm. VOTE: 5 ayes; all in favor; motion carried.**

Minutes respectfully submitted, Lynn Monty, Recording Secretary.