

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
SELECTBOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lane Morrison, Selectboard Chair, Fritz Tegatz, Matt Krasnow, Carrie Spear, Frank Tenney

ADMINISTRATION: Dean Bloch, Town Administrator

OTHERS: Christina Booher, asst. Town Clerk/ Treasurer, Dave Garbose.

Mr. Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

Selectboard Organization:

Mr. Tegatz made a motion to appoint Lane Morrison as Chair of the Charlotte Selectboard. Mr. Krasnow seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Mr. Tegatz made a motion to appoint Matt Krasnow as the Vice Chair of the Charlotte Selectboard. Mr. Tenney seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

The Board reviewed Roberts Rules of Order for Small Boards and more specific rules regarding Charlotte Selectboard meetings. Mr. Tenney made a motion to approve Roberts Rules of Order for Small Boards as well as the rules outlined for the Charlotte Selectboard, which shall be updated to reflect the current date of March 8, 2018. Mr. Tegatz seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Mrs. Spear made a motion to select the Charlotte News for warning Town Meeting, regular Selectboard Meetings and Special Meetings and The Citizen and/or 7 Days as necessary to meet deadlines for other public notices, specific classifieds and warning notices. Mr. Tenney seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Mr. Tegatz made a motion to approve the draft schedule for regular Selectboard meetings for 2018, to be the 2nd & 4th Mondays. Mrs. Spear seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Signing of Warrants: Mr. Tegatz made a motion to have the Selectboard Chair sign and review payroll warrants. In his absence, the Vice Chair will sign & review. Mr. Krasnow seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Dave Garbose spoke from the audience, voicing concerns about the potential length of the process and potential cost of getting the Charlotte Link Trail completed. He encouraged the Board to consider parking concerns at the State Park and explore options regarding design etc. to complete the trails project quickly and inexpensively.

Mrs. Spear made a motion to approve the April 3rd 2018 Special Town Meeting warning. Mr. Krasnow seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Mr. Morrison made a motion to approve having the Informational Meeting April 3rd, starting at 7pm. Mr. Krasnow seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0.

Town Meeting Debriefing: The Board discussed the topics highlighted at Town Meeting, March 6th. The Board agreed that the Affordable Housing Committee should be reactivated. They agreed the Town should advertise and look for 3-5 new members, whose task would be to review and apply for grants, advertise how to access available funds, and report back to the Selectboard. Accessory dwellings and potential Conditional Use allowance for duplexes in some areas of town are possible routes to more affordable housing in Charlotte. The Board agreed to put the issue on a future agenda for further discussion.

The Board discussed the proposed idea at Town Meeting for the Town study the feasibility of purchasing the lot on the Southeast corner of Rte. 7 & Church Hill Road. While the Town may currently have control of the parcel by way of Land Use Regulations and the ZBA, the best way to protect it may be to own it. The Board agreed it was an interesting idea worth investigating. They agreed to begin a community dialogue by way of a Front Porch Forum posting. Mrs. Booher encouraged the Board to get a fuller reading from the entire town as she has heard some displeasure at the proposal from townspeople who were not present at the Town Meeting discussion. She also cautioned against potential expenses related to any feasibility study that may be done.

The Board discussed the proposed idea at Town Meeting for the Town request that the Vermont state legislature modify our gun laws in imitation of the federal assault weapons ban that was in effect from 1994-2004. The Board was not in unanimous

agreement to sign and therefore declined to do so. No action was taken on the matter.

Goals, Priorities, Work Plan, Board Assignments:

The Board agreed it would be good to review the draft work plan with the Town Clerk and will review Ordinances as well (specifically looking at the hook up at Lanes lane).

The Board would like to see more concrete goals and plans from the Trails Committee.

The Board would like to get new chairs; Mr. Krasnow will look into this as he may have a lead.

Mr. Krasnow cited a recent Free Press article which outlined some statewide budget vote results which he found interesting: (noted below)

Bolton	7.7%
Charlotte	3.2%
Colchester	2.9%
Essex	4.6%
Hinesburg	12.7%
Huntington	5.9%
Jericho	1%
Milton	v 2%
Richmond	6%
Shelburne	7.6%
South Burlington	40%
St. George	v .07%
Underhill	v 10%
Westford	4.7%
Williston	4.7%
Winooski	6.8%

Liaison Assignments:

The Board reviewed and agreed to the following Board Liaison assignments:

Lane Morrison: Thompson's Point Wastewater, Senior Center

Fritz Tegatz: CVFRS, Road Commission/Bridges, Library

Matt Krasnow: State Police, Park & Wildlife, Recreation, Trails Committee

Carrie Spear: Energy, Town Property/Facilities, Planning & Zoning

Frank Tenney: Conservation Committee, Town Property/Facilities, Planning & Zoning

Minutes: The Board reviewed minutes from the Feb. 26th Informational Meeting. Correction to spelling of Lieutenant Lucas throughout the document. The Board approved the amended minutes of 2/26/18 5-0.

The Board reviewed minutes from the March 6th Town Meeting. Name corrections were noted for Garbose & Ohanian. Addition of "\$" in budget numbers in Mary Mead's motion to amend the budget by \$100,000. The specific vote count should also be added (53 to 75). Addition of *Advisory* to Motion in Article 1 vote.

Selectboard Updates: Mr. Krasnow reported a request by a towns person to see if there was any interest on the part of the Selectboard to approach the new police Chief to possibly come up with a new proposal. The Board was agreeable to this. Mr. Krasnow will reach out to the new Chief.

Mr. Morrison shared a request from a constituent to get competitive bids for upcoming RFBs.

Mr. Krasnow made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tegatz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freeda Powers

Recording Secretary