



TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting
October 9, 2007

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Present: Chairman – Peter J. Boria, Vice-Chairman – Scott D. Brown, Clerk – Kathleen W. Walker and members John R. Bacon and Frederick C. Swensen. Also present, Town Administrator - Robin L. Craver and Student Selectperson – Katie Walsh.

NOTE: Some matters may have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Boria called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for two people that have been intimately involved in the town. James Trinque and Brian Cecciarini.

II. Consent Agenda:

- Chairman Boria read the agenda.
- Minutes of Selectmen's Regular Meeting – September 25, 2007. **Motion by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of September 25, 2007, seconded by Mr. Bacon. Vote taken: Mr. Bacon, Mr. Swensen, Mr. Brown and Chairman Boria – aye, Ms. Walker abstained.**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum:

- Chairman Boria read the announcements. He also noted that some departments within the town hall will be closed on Thursday for the employees to attend the funeral for Mr. Ceccarini.
- Keith Arsenault – discussion of possible hiring of Forester. Mr. Arsenault explained that he and Karen Gauvin reviewed areas in town under tax possession that we might benefit from this use. There is a 66 acre parcel on Flint Road and a 77 acre on Colburn Road. Mrs. Craver stated that the proposal is to hire a company to come in to prepare a forest management plan. The Treasurer recommends this as a possible benefit to the Town. The proposal that was received is in the amount of \$1,880 which could be used from the Housing Rehab line item. After discussion, **motion by Mr. Brown to authorize the expenditure of \$1,880 to complete the Forest Management Plans for the Flint Road and Colburn Road parcels and to take the money from the housing rehab account, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries.**

IV. Appointments/Resignations:

1. Request for appointment to Cable Access Committee & Cable Negotiation Team received from Richard G. Jensen of 88 Masonic Home Road. The Cable Access Committee recommends the appointment. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to appoint Richard G. Jensen to the Cable Access Committee & Cable Negotiation Team, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries.**
2. Request for appointment to Activities Council from Mary Devlin of 54 Pumpkin Lane. **Motion by Mr. Brown to appoint Mary Devlin to the Activities Council, seconded by Mr. Bacon, motion carries.**

3. SCM Elderbus opening – a letter was received notifying us that our representative has resigned from this committee. The opening has been posted on cable.

V. Scheduled Appointments:

6:45pm – Public Hearing – amend official Town map. Chairman Boria read the notice as posted in the paper and mailed to the abutters. Ms. Walker recused herself from the discussion and left the table. Mr. Brown reiterated how we came to where we are. He read a letter from the Planning Board dated September 24, 2007. (see attached) Chairman Boria mentioned that after receiving this letter, the Board of Selectmen met with the Planning Board to discuss this issue further. Mr. Dick Wetherbee from Baker Pond Road came before the Board. He said this is a road and has been used since 1898. Mr. Brown noted that this is an unfortunate circumstance, but nothing we have shows it's a road. It's a right of way with easements. Mr. Bacon recommended that we turn over whatever information we have to the people of these roads and let them work with their attorneys. Mr. Mike Lally from 21 Baker Pond Road came forward and said the board leaves them no choice but to seek recourse. There have been years of precedence of providing services to the residents. With no further comments, **motion by Mr. Brown to close the public hearing at 7:20pm, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries. Motion by Mr. Brown that we do not support articles 18 & 19 for the Special Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Swensen. Vote taken Mr. Swensen, Mr. Brown and Chairman Boria – aye, Mr. Bacon – opposed.** Chairman Boria thanked all for coming. Ms. Walker returned to the table.

7:00pm – Pole Hearing – Ramshorn Road. Chairman Boria read the notice as sent to the abutters. (see attached) No concerns were heard. **Motion by Mr. Brown to close the public hearing at 7:18pm, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries. Motion by Mr. Brown to approve the request, second by Mr. Swensen, motion carries.**

7:30pm – Kevin & Debra Chambers – Sunset Drive. Mrs. Craver noted that after checking with the ZEO and town counsel, the only avenue the Board has to give the Chambers, is to direct them to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Chambers told the Board what has been happening since the last meeting and noted that 2 Saturdays ago, he had to call the police again because their neighbor was doing work again. Mr. Chambers requested this board come down to his house and watch his neighbor. He would like to know where the wood is all going. Chairman Boria said that we will ask the Zoning Enforcement Officer to re-examine the matter and form an opinion which would begin a new appeal period.

VI. Old Business:

1. Special Town Meeting warrant with motions – Mrs. Craver noted that she has provided the board with a warrant with motions for them to review. They will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow night.

VII. New Business:

1. Set Halloween Trick or Treating date and time. Chief Pervier has recommended that the Board vote to have trick or treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to set trick or treating for Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**
2. Chief Pervier – request for a PAR 10 minority list – in an effort to maintain a proper ratio of minority officers within the ranks of the Charlton Police Department, Chief Pervier is asking that a PAR 10 minority list be authorized from the current certified roster for one Permanent / Intermittent Police Officer position for the town. The Chief noted that this would be an on call officer position with no set hours. Chairman Boria confirmed that this position is in the union. Requesting this list does not mean that we have to hire anyone. **Motion by Ms. Walker that the Chief's request for a PAR 10 minority list be authorized from the current certified**

roster for one Permanent/Intermittent Police Officer position for the Town of Charlton, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.

3. Request for authorization to initiate maintenance and repair on private roads. Superintendent Foskett has indicated that abutters of the following private roads have successfully petitioned the Board of Selectmen to authorize its designee to make repairs pursuant to MGL Chapter 10, section 6N: Overlook Avenue, Elm Road, Grandview Avenue, Park Road, Vine Road, Oak Road, Baker Road, Shore Road and Prince Road. He is requesting authorization to initiate maintenance and repair on these private roads. Chairman Boria recused himself at this time and left the table. Mr. Brown asked what repairs would take place and where is the money coming from. This item to be continued for further information. Ask Highway Superintendent to attend next meeting. .
4. Chairman Boria read a letter from SCM Elderbus and the services they provide.
5. Site Plan Application – Nature’s Classroom – the Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on October 24, 2007 for a site plan request. Should the Board have any questions or comments, we must notify the Planning Board by October 19, 2007. No comments.

IX. Town Administrator Report Mrs. Craver read a few items that came in the mail that she felt were important for the Board to hear. She also noted that communication came in from the Town Attorney and would need to set up an executive session with the water/sewer to discuss.

X. Student Selectperson Report – Kathleen Walsh thanked the board for having her. Ms. Walsh gave an update on sports.

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjourn/Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Brown to adjourn at 8:00pm, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries.

XIII. Next Meeting Announcement:

- Special Town Meeting – October 16, 2007 – 7:00pm – Charlton Middle School
- Next Regular Selectmen’s Meeting – October 23, 2007

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary C. Devlin

Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:

Peter J. Boria, Chairperson

Scott D. Brown, Vice-Chairman

Kathleen W. Walker, Clerk

John R. Bacon, Member

Frederick C. Swensen, Member