



**TOWN OF CHARLTON**  
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting  
October 23, 2007

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

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

*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.

II. Consent Agenda:

- Chairman Boria read the agenda.
- Minutes of Selectmen's Regular Meeting – October 9, 2007. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to accept the minutes of October 9, 2007, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries**
- Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting – October 10, 2007. **Motion by Mr. Brown to accept the minutes of October 10, 2007, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum:

- Chairman Boria read the announcements.
- Chief Pervier noted that last Friday, with the help of Chief Cloutier and Lt. Ekman, 21 people came together to try to address the recent deaths in Charlton and what they could do to help with such issues as speeding, cell phone use, etc. They discussed increasing enforcement, education in schools and legislation to focus on issues. He will report back to the board with the progress as they move forward.
- Chief Pervier noted that he and Lt. Ekman attended a safety seminar today and were presented with a plaque for the Town for no fatalities within the town within the last five years. He also noted that on Halloween, there will be more officers out on duty.

IV. Appointments/Resignations:

1. Appointment to Historical Commission and Historical District Commission. Letter received from the Historic & Historical District Commission recommending the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Bisson of 44 Stafford Street to fill the vacancies on both Boards. **Motion by Mr. Brown to appoint Kenneth Bisson to the Historical Commission and the Historical District Commission, seconded by Mr. Bacon, motion carries.**
2. Appointment to Council on Aging. Mrs. Craver noted that this position has been vacant since June and the opening has been posted on cable and within the town hall. The Council on Aging Board members have recommended the appointment of Robert Berlyn to fill the vacancy. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to appoint Mr. Robert Berlyn to the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**

3. Appointment of Department Assistant for Selectmen/Town Administrator Office. Mrs. Craver noted that she, Rachel Hartwig and Mary Devlin held and interview last Thursday. It would be the recommendation for the Board to appoint H. Laurie Degnan of 106 Osgood Road to this position pending a successful CORI review. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to appoint H. Laurie Degnan as the Department Assistant for the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator office pending a successful CORI review, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**
4. Resignation of Local Building Inspector. Mrs. Craver noted that Michael Barch, our Local Building Inspector has tendered his resignation effective October 12, 2007 due to not being able to follow through with the exams needed for this position. She has spoken with the Building Commissioner and they both feel that because building permits have been far less than expected, not to hire for this position at this time but to re-look at it at some point next year. **Motion by Mr. Brown to accept the resignation of our Local Building Inspector Michael Barch effective October 12, 2007, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries.**

V. Scheduled Appointments: None

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

1. Chairman Boria recused himself and left the room. Private Roads – Vice Chairman Brown stated that this item was on the agenda for the Board’s last meeting and he had asked to invite the Highway Superintendent to this meeting to answer any questions that the board might have. Highway Superintendent Gerry Foskett has advised the Board that abutters of the following roads have successfully petitioned the Board of Selectmen to authorize its designee to make repairs on private roads 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 will only be doing basic maintenance such as pot hole repair, cleaning basins, etc, just enough to keep the roads passable. Funding will be done through his budget as Chapter 90 monies cannot be used for private roads. **Motion by Mr. Swensen that this board vote to authorize the highway department to do the repairs under MGL Chapter 10, section 6 N for the following roads: Overlook Avenue, Elm Road, Grandview Avenue, Park Road, Vine Road, Oak Road, Baker Road, Shore Road and Prince Road, seconded by Mr. Bacon, motion carries.** Chairman Boria returned to the meeting.
2. Winter parking ban. Mrs. Craver noted that with the winter months quickly approaching, she would ask the board to announce the winter parking ban as is done every year. We will put the notice on cable and ask the newspapers to place it in their papers as a Public Announcement. **Motion by Mr. Brown to initiate the winter parking ban as the policy states for this upcoming winter, seconded by Mr. Bacon, motion carries.**

VIII. Town Administrator Report

IX. Student Selectperson Report – Kathleen Walsh

X. Other Business

XI. Adjourn/Executive Session: **Motion by Mr. Brown to go into executive session at 6:58pm under MGL. Chapter 39, section 23B, #2, to consider the discipline or dismissal of or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, seconded by Mr. Swensen. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Bacon – aye, Mr. Swensen – aye, Mr. Brown – aye and Chairman Boria – aye.**

XII. Next Meeting Announcement:

- Next Regular Selectmen's Meeting – November 6, 2007

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary C. Devlin  
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:

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Peter J. Boria, Chairperson

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Scott D. Brown, Vice-Chairman

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Kathleen W. Walker, Clerk (absent)

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John R. Bacon, Member

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Frederick C. Swensen, Member