



TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting
December 4, 2007

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

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 Regular Selectmen's Meeting – November 20, 2007. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to approve the minutes of November 20, 2007, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum:

- Chairman Boria read the announcements. He also congratulated the Shepherd Hill Football Team for the win of the super bowl and the Charlton football teams for their wins.
- Ms. Walker thanked Chief Pervier for all his efforts and the Library for the use of the building for the Tree Lighting this past weekend. Chief Pervier thanked all that participated and helped. It was a great time and a lot of people attended.
- Mr. Paul Davieau, 55 Flint Rd. has questions regarding Casella and the possible transfer station on Flint Road. Chairman Boria noted that this is an agenda item where it will be discussed about setting up an informational meeting with members from Casella for the citizens to attend where they can ask and hopefully get all their questions answered.
- Richard McGrath came forth with a copy of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 called compensation to employees called to active military service. He asked the Board if they would review this and to take it into consideration.
- Keith Arsenault – Town Treasurer came forward with a bring down certificate that he would ask the Board to approve and sign. This is a certificate to update the water pollution abatement bond in the amount of \$262,424.00. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**

IV. Appointments/Resignations: None

V. Scheduled Appointments:

VI. Old Business:

1. Agreement with Casella – public informational session, Chairman Boria noted that an article in the paper last week noted that this was a done deal and it is not a done deal. The Board of Selectmen has accepted what has been brought to us and it has been forwarded to our attorney

to work on an agreement with our Town Administrator. We have not signed it. He would like to set up an informational meeting for next Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 6:30pm for the public to attend. If we have any changes to make we can forward to Casella and have our counsel work with it. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to a hold a public information meeting next Tuesday in the Selectmen's meeting room to be televised, seconded by Mr. Brown.** Mrs. Craver noted that she had spoken with the Library Director and the library is available to hold this meeting. We can still have it taped and replayed on television. **Mr. Swensen amended his motion to have the meeting at the Dexter Memorial Hall. Mr. Brown amended his second.** Arthur Studley, a resident from the site asked if any other site been considered for this yet? Chairmen Boria noted that this has come up and more discussion can be held at the meeting next week. **Vote taken on the motion: carries.**

2. Outside custodial services – Mrs. Craver stated that at the Finance Committee meeting held on November 28, 2007, they discussed the additional hours approved for a part time custodian by the Board of Selectmen pending funding. Some of the members of the Finance Committee had reservations of adding a staff person at this time as it might limit the Town's choices in the next budgeting season. The Library Director mentioned that she had received a quote that would provide 24 hours of coverage for \$7,800 which she discussed with the Board of Trustees and they feel this would be enough coverage for the Library itself. Upon hearing this information, the Finance Committee voted to transfer \$7,800 to a Library Maintenance Account for contracted services pending approval by the Board of Selectmen. Therefore, the Finance Committee is asking the Board of Selectmen to consider assigning the full time custodian to the Town Hall and to utilize contracted custodial services for the Library. The Library Director is working on quotes for the services including checking on the company that the Police Department uses. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to postpone this item until our next regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**

VII. New Business:

1. Storage of Town Chairs. Chairman Boria noted that the library has a surplus amount of chairs like the ones in this room. Mrs. Craver stated that they are presently stored at 4 Dresser Hill and the Library is looking for permission from the Board to keep these chairs there until a use is found for them. **Motion by Mr. Bacon to allow the chairs to be stored, seconded by Mr. Brown but to include a time limit on the storage.** Mr. Swensen would like to see the time limit for no longer than 6 months. **Mr. Bacon amended his motion to include no longer than 6 months, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**
2. Lottery cap return to cities & towns – House Docket 4651 – Mrs. Craver stated that there is a lobbying effort to get the funds diverted from the lottery cap returned to the cities and towns. The Board may wish to ask our Senator and Representative to support this bill by taking a formal vote to ask for support. Charlton is earmarked to receive \$777,372 if the legislation passes. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to write our state senator and representative to ask their support on this bill, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carries.**
3. Liquor License renewal forms for ABCC – Mrs. Craver noted that due to the inspection reports being received, she is asking the Board to postpone this item until their next meeting on 12/18/07. The Building Commissioner has concerns on some of the class II and class III licenses and will be making recommendations to the Board. The owners of these establishments will be invited to attend the meeting.

VIII. Student Selectperson Report. Katie Walsh gave an update on the sports at Shepherd Hill.

IX Town Administrator Report Mrs. Craver reviewed her report. (see attached)

IX. Other Business – Mrs. Craver stated that the Water/Sewer Commissioners met last night and revised the joint support letter requested by the Water Search Committee. They added language to remain consistent with a request to DEP to reconsider its ruling on the Buffumville Dam potential well site. All the Water/Sewer Commissioners signed the letter. She has the letter for the Selectmen to sign.

Mrs. Craver stated that she received a letter today to ask the board to consider the establishment of a Fire Station Building Committee. Item to be put on next agenda.

X. Adjourn/Executive Session: **Motion by Mr. Brown to adjourn at 7:07pm, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries.**

XI. Next Meeting Announcement:

- Next Regular Selectmen’s Meeting – December 18, 2007

Respectfully submitted by:
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Accepted by:

Peter J. Boria, Chairperson

Scott D. Brown, Vice-Chairman

Kathleen W. Walker, Clerk

John R. Bacon, Member

Frederick C. Swensen, Member