

**Charlestown Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Community Room and Zoom**

Selectboard present and location: Chairman Jeff Lessels, William Rescsanski, Jeremy Wood, Shelly Blouin-Andrus and Nancy Houghton: all present in the community room.

Staff Present: Jessica Dennis – Administrative Assistant
 Patricia Chaffee- Tax Collector/Town Clerk (via zoom)
 Deb Daignault – former Ambulance employee

Mr. Lessels called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All meetings are recorded.

Mr. Wood made a motion to enter non-public at 5:03 pm RSA 91-A:3 II (c-Reputations), Ms. Blouin-Andrus seconded the motion and motion passed.

The Selectboard reconvened public session at 6:18 pm.

Ms. Blouin-Andrus made a motion to adjourn at 6:18 pm; Ms. Houghton seconded the motion and motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Chaffee, Recording Secretary

Jeff Lessels

William Rescsanski

Shelly Blouin-Andrus

Jeremy Wood

Nancy Houghton

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Non-Public Meeting Minutes #1
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Staff Present: Jessica Dennis- Administrator
Patricia Chaffee – Recording Secretary
Deb Daignault – Former Ambulance Captain

Mr. Wood and Chair Lessels welcomed Ms. Daignault and noted that the Board was empathic to her for what previously happened within the Ambulance Department that led to her no longer being with the service. Chair Lessels noted that the Board should have paid better attention to the situation. It was noted that what has happened in the past cannot be changed, but Ms. Daignault was asked how the Board could do to make this situation better for her.

Ms. Daignault noted that it not only affected her, but other members of the department that had nothing to do with the incident that started this situation. Ms. Daignault noted that there was lack of direction from the Board and it was the Board that failed the Town, not the ambulance service. Ms. Blouin-Andrus noted that the Town can't recreate the ambulance service at this point, but this Board wants to correct things and correct the wrongs. Ms. Daignault also noted that she had been slandered and there was no criminal investigation as it had been noted at previous Selectboard meetings. Mr. Rescsanski noted that the Board had been misinformed at the time.

Ms. Daignault was asked if she would consider what could be done to make things better and would she ever consider coming back to work for the Town on the new rescue squad. Ms. Daignault noted that there should be a Board member at the Fire Department meeting and it was decided that Mr. Rescsanski would attend for the Board. Ms. Blouin-Andrus commented that this Board wants to move things forward, currently policies are being worked on, and it was noted that the Board needs to ask more questions of the Department heads, not just let them report. Mr. Wood noted the need for accountability.

Chair Lessels asked Ms. Daignault to compile a list of things that she would like to Board to consider to make things right and get it Ms. Dennis or Ms. Dezan. Ms. Daignault responded that it was a lot to consider.

Ms. Blouin-Andrus made a motion to reconvene public session at 6:18 pm, Mr. Wood seconded the motion and motion passed.

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