

**Charlestown Board of Selectmen
Workshop Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020 @ 1:00pm**

Selectboard present: Chairman Albert St. Pierre, John Streeter, Jeff Lessels, William Rescsanski, and Scott Wade.

Staff Present: Jessica Dennis- Administrator
Kelly Wright- Administrative Assistant
Chief Patrick Connors- Police & Ambulance Department

Chairman Albert St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Lessels made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 (C- Reputation), Mr. Streeter seconded the motion and on a roll call the motion passed.

The workshop reconvened to public session at 2:28 PM.

Ms. Dennis reported she has received the draft for the Right of Way Maintenance and Use Agreement and the corrective deed. These have been forwarded to Mascoma and KanDy Investments for them to review. The Corrective deed includes the five parking spaces which Town employees have been using; this language was not included in the original deed.

Mr. Wade made a motion to accept the draft Right A Way maintenance and use agreement and the corrective deed, Mr. Streeter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed and discussed the Water Rate Hearing for July 1, 2020. Ms. Dennis reported she had a resident call and ask for more information for the public to review prior to the hearing. The board had a lengthy discussion regarding the history of the water rates, how water rates affect the Town's ability to qualify for grants. Grant approval is crucial to help fund water projects. It has been quite awhile since water rates have been increased and according to the NH's water rate statistics, Charlestown is below state average. The discussion continued with more information about the arsenic levels in North Charlestown and a sustainable solution. The board will request some data from Mr. Duquette and Ms. Chaffee prior to the hearing.

Ms. Dennis asked if the new Selectboard members would like a Town issued cell phone. Mr. Rescsanski and Mr. Streeter would like one Ms. Dennis will deal with the cell phones. The board members also would like there cell phone number and email addresses listed on the website.

Ms. Dennis reported the library is entitled to receive free internet connection but the current service doesn't handle wireless connection well. The Library Trustees have a

couple estimates from Comcast to upgrade to a wireless package. The Library is working on applying for a grant. There was discussion about splitting the monthly bill three ways. Both the Selectboard and Planning Board will benefit from the upgrade for meetings. Mr. Streeter volunteered to meet with the Library Trustees.

Mr. Wade made a motion to authorize Mr. Streeter to meet with the Library Trustees and determine the best internet upgrade for the current needs. Mr. Streeter will report back to the board. Mr. Lessels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Streeter briefly discussed mobile meeting kits. After discussion it was tabled.

Mr. Streeter made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 (A Compensation) at 4:05pm, Mr. Wade seconded the motion and on a roll call; Mr. St. Pierre (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Mr. Wade (yes), Mr. Streeter (yes), Mr. Rescsanski (yes); motion passed.

The workshop reconvened to public session at 4:50pm

The board decided to schedule a workshop on Wednesday July 8, 2020 from 3:00-7:00 PM.

Mr. Lessels made a motion to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes RSA 91-A: 3 (*C Reputation*), Mr. Wade seconded the motion and on a roll call; Mr. St. Pierre (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Mr. Wade (yes), Mr. Streeter (yes), Mr. Rescsanski (yes); the motion passed.

Mr. Streeter made a motion to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes for 6 month RSA 91-A:3 (*A Compensation*), Mr. Lessels seconded the motion and on a roll call; Mr. St. Pierre (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Mr. Wade (yes), Mr. Streeter (yes), Mr. Rescsanski (yes); the motion passed.

Mr. Wade made a motion to adjourn at 5:00pm, Mr. Lessels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly N Wright

Albert St. Pierre

Jeffrey Lessels

Scott Wade

John Streeter

William Rescsanski

(Note: theses are unapproved meeting minutes; any changes will be made at the Selectboard meeting on July 1, 2020).