## CHARLESTOWN SELECTBOARD WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

Selectboard Present: Jeremy Wood (Chair), Shelly Blouin-Andrus, William Rescsanski, Jeff Lessels (Vice-Chair), Nancy Houghton (via phone)

Staff Present:

Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Diane Dezan, Human Resources

Jennifer Haynes, Library

Kelly Vigneau, Recreation Department/Library

Patricia Chaffee, Tax Collector

Others Present: Jim Fowler, Steve Neill, Sharon Francis, Judy Murray

#### Call to Order

Mr. Wood opened the workshop at 5:00 p.m.

#### Non-Public

Ms. Blouin-Andrus motioned to enter Non-Public session: RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 5:01pm – Personnel - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Rescsanski. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes).

The meeting reconvened at 5:58 p.m.

Mr. Lessels motioned to enter Non-Public session: RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 5:59pm – Personnel - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Rescsanski. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Ms. Houghton (yes)

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting let for recess at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

## **New Business**

The Selectboard commenced a discussion about the donated lamp posts from Whelan and removing them within the boundaries of the library grounds. Mr. Wood stated that he would speak to town employees about removing these lamp posts.

Mr. Fowler of the Tree Committee discussed certain trees within town and identified trees for removal. Mr. Lessels reviewed the trees that have been planted on Main Street,

and a conversation commenced regarding the health of those which were chosen for their resistance to disease.

Mr. Wood discussed the Town's property on Wetherby Road and the auction in which was utilized to sell this property. Mr. Wood commented on the possibility of using sealed bids if the property went to bid again.

Mr. Wood reviewed Mr. Callum of Unity Selectboard's comment at the previous meeting regarding their offer to pay for 50% of a Town Line Survey. Mr. Wood stated that he would speak to Ms. Wright and advise her to speak to Unity and Acworth about coordinating planning and payment of this survey.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Wood stated that the ARPA matter would be put off until a later date.

### **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Mr. Wood stated that he wishes to amend the 8.24.2022 Workshop minutes to include Mr. Callum's (Selectboard member of Unity) statement that Unity would be willing to pay half of the Town Line survey. Mr. Lessels made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Rescsanski seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Ms. Houghton (yes).

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Blouin-Andrus motioned to approve Consent Agenda as written. Mr. Rescsanski seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Ms. Lessels (yes), Ms. Houghton (abstain).

### **Other Business**

Mr. Lessels advised Ms. Chaffee and other department heads that the Selectboard would appreciate immediate notification of matters that require Selectboard approval and/or deliberation in advance of being blindsided by issues and events.

Mr. Wood asked Ms. Chaffee the status on the delivery of the well pump. Ms. Chaffee stated that her awareness that the pump was presently with Green Mountain Well Company.

Mr. Neill asked for an update on each of the wells within town. Mr. Wood stated that well #1 was running effectively and well #2 required replacement because the one previously installed was running at half capacity. Mr. Neill asked about the electrical

capacity of Bull Run. Mr. Wood stated that the new VFD will go in after well #2 is replaced, and then the VFD would go in on well #1.

Ms. Blouin-Andrus motioned to enter Non-Public session: RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 6:46pm – Personnel - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Houghton. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Ms. Houghton (yes)

The meeting reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

Mr. Lessels motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Ms. Houghton seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes) Ms. Houghton (yes).

Respectfully Submitted, Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

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Jeff Lessels

(Note: these are unapproved meeting minutes. Any corrections will be made at the next Selectboard meeting on September 7, 2022)

# Charlestown Board of Selectmen Non-Public Meeting Minutes #2 RSA 91-A:3 II (a-Personnel) August 31, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. Community Room

Selectboard present: Jeremy Wood (Chair), William Rescsanski, Shelly Blouin-Andrus, Jeff Lessels (Vice-Chair), Nancy Houghton

Staff Present: Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Diane Dezan, Human Resources

Ms. Dezan discussed an employee's worker's compensation request.

Ms. Blouin-Andrus motioned to exit non-public session at 6:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Rescsanski. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Ms. Houghton (yes).

Respectfully Submitted, Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Jeremy Wood

Shelly Blouin-Andrus

William Rescsanski

Nancy Houghton

# Charlestown Board of Selectmen Non-Public Meeting Minutes #3 RSA 91-A:3 II (c-Reputation) August 31, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. Community Room

Selectboard present: Jeremy Wood (Chair), William Rescsanski, Shelly Blouin-Andrus, Jeff Lessels (Vice-Chair), Nancy Houghton

Staff Present: Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Mr. Cannon discussed his proactive involvement in the New Hampshire Secession movement, and how this involvement was discussed openly in a Family Court Hearing two days prior. He detailed his communication with multiple foreign national government officials offering to host a peace treaty between Ukraine and Russia in exchange for a recognition of sovereignty from the United States. Mr. Cannon asked the Selectboard for open support in hosting a summit for secession, and explained his commitment to seeking a peaceful, non-violent means of officially leaving the present federal government. Mr. Cannon commented on his friendship with several of the 1st Amendment Auditors who have phoned the town office in recent weeks making complaints about town staff. No open support was vocalized by Selectboard members for secession.

Ms. Blouin-Andrus motioned to exit non-public session at 6:49 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Lessels. Roll call: Mr. Rescsanski (yes), Ms. Andrus (yes), Mr. Wood (yes), Mr. Lessels (yes), Ms. Houghton (yes).

Respectfully Submitted, Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Jeremy Wood

Shelly Blouin-Andrus

William Rescsanski

Nancy Houghton