

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
SELECTBOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
July 15, 2010**

Selectboard Present: Brenda Ferland (Chair); Steven Neill, Doug Ring

Staff Present: David Edkins, Administrative Assistant
David Duquette, Water & Wastewater Superintendent

Mrs. Ferland called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Crown Point Co-op Water Issues - Board members briefly discussed a complaint from a resident of the Crown Point Co-op Mobile Home Park regarding the water system within the park. It was agreed that this is the co-op's responsibility but they have been slow to address it. Dave Edkins will contact the state and Dave Duquette will contact Granite State Rural Water to find out what the Town can do to address this situation.

Town Water System – Dave Duquette explained to the Board that he has identified what appears to be a major restriction in the water main on Old Claremont Road from Lovers Lane north to the Hidden Valley development. This main was installed in 1906. Mr. Duquette suggested that it may be necessary to replace or bore out some 4,800 feet of water main to address this issue. Mr. Neill asked whether it would be possible to use a camera to locate the blockage which might enable the Town to reduce the scale of the necessary work. Mr. Duquette agreed that this would be a good first step and will investigate this option further.

Mr. Duquette also distributed a data packet on the Town's water usage over the past several years noting that it is steadily increasing. He added that, with the recent spell of hot dry weather, water levels in the Clay Brook Well are dropping faster than he would like to see. He informed the Board that he intends to utilize the Bull Run Well more often as a result. Although it costs more to operate Bull Run it has a virtually unlimited water supply. The Board discussed the need to re-develop Bull Run as a full production well; it was originally developed as a test well and later put into production. Mr. Neill suggested that it might be best to rehab the existing well with a new screen etc. in the short term and to install a new full production well immediately adjacent to the existing well in the long term.

Town Cannon – Mr. Edkins reported that Wes VanVelsor has requested access to the Town Cannon next Friday so he can clean it up prior to the Old Home Day parade where it will be pulled by a team of oxen. Mr. Ring will make himself available to open the building on Friday afternoon.

Police Station Construction – Mr. Edkins called the Board's attention to a proposed change order from Beaudry Construction for providing a floor drain system in the sally port at the new Police Station. The cost will be \$3,150 which is a little higher than originally proposed because the proposed system will discharge into the Town sewer rather than directly to the ground as originally envisioned.

Mr. Ring moved that the change order be approved in the amount of \$3,150. Mr. Neill seconded the motion and with all in favor the motion was approved. Mrs. Ferland signed the Change Order on behalf of the Town.

Mr. Edkins reported that Peter Lumbr, the electrician on the Police Station Project had recently informed him that servicing both the new Police Station and Fire Station with a single generator, as had been envisioned would be highly impractical and prohibitively expensive. Mr. Lumbr recommended that individual generators serving each building would much more feasible. The Board took this advice under advisement.

Mr. Neill reported that John Olsen of Whelen Engineering has committed to funding a brick façade on the front of the new Police Station. The value of this upgrade is approximately \$20,000. Mr. Neill is hopeful of receiving additional donations to brick the ends of the building at approximately \$7,500 each. Mr. Neill also stated that Norm Cobb has expressed interest in donation a cupola for the roof of the building.

Town Pool – Mr. Edkins reported that earlier today he had a call from Mr. Tim Wilson of the State’s Public Pool & Spa Program Coordinator. Mr. Wilson stated that earlier in the week during a routine sampling inspection of the Town Pool the State Inspector found chlorine and pH levels in the pool to be below required levels and ordered the pool closed until these levels were restored to acceptable levels. Pool Manager Serena Relihan acquired the necessary additives and the pool was re-opened the next day. Mr. Wilson stated in his call this morning that subsequent testing of the samples at the lab in Concord showed low levels of bacteria in the pool water and that he was sending an inspector back to the pool today to re-test the chlorine and pH levels. If they were still low the pool would have to be closed. Those tests were done and the tests showed acceptable levels. The Board discussed the need for the pool staff to be vigilant in testing and maintaining proper pool chemistry. Mr. Wilson is willing to meet with the pool staff and Rec Department personnel to provide technical assistance in proper maintenance of the pool.

There being no other business Mr. Neill moved for adjournment. Mr. Ring seconded the motion and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Edkins, Administrative Assistant

Approved,

Brenda L. Ferland, Chair

Steven A. Neill

Doug Ring

(**Note:** These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections, if necessary, may be found in the Minutes of the July 21, 2010, Selectboard meeting.)