

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
SELECTBOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Art Grenier – Chair, Steven Neill, Thomas Cobb

Staff Present: Patricia Chaffee – Tax Collector
Dave Duquette – Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Mr. Grenier (Chair) called this meeting to order at 4:40 PM

Mr. Duquette presented proposed water rates. The rates were slightly lower than the initial rates previously presented. Mr. Grenier noted that the new rates should cover the water and wastewater budgets, start to pay down what is till owed to the General fund, and be able to begin saving for major water and wastewater projects that need to be done in the future. Mr. Duquette noted that part of the new rate structure, billing will be quarterly starting in 2018. The Board asked that Mr. Duquette and Ms. Chaffee to review the rates and number of users, which would give the Board more precise numbers to review.

There was a review of the hydrant policy. Ms. Chaffee was asked to check with Primex, the insurance company, to see if the Town would be covered doing work on private hydrants. Mr. Neill would like to see what, if any, other towns have for a hydrant policy. Ms. Chaffee will do some research.

Mr. Duquette noted that the department truck is in need of a new truck body. He asked the Board how they would like to handle, should he look to have it repaired or possibly get a new body. Mr. Cobb proposed that he get quotes for the repairs from 2 or 3 local welders. The Board will review the quotes and make a decision.

ADJOURNMENT:


Mr. Cobb moved to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Neill. With three Selectboard members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Chaffee, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Art A. Grenier, Chair


Steven A. Neill


Thomas O. Cobb

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Any corrections will be found in the Minutes of the September 6, 2017, Selectboard meeting.)