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TOWN OF CHARLTON  
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30pm  
Selectmen's Meeting Room – Meeting Room 1  
Town Hall, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA  
ZOOM Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87489442885>;  
Passcode: 061416; Phone Access +1-646-558-8656

Present: Chairman – Stephen Koronis, Vice-Chairman – Patsy Rydlak, Clerk – Barbara Zurawski, Members – William Borowski and David Singer and Town Administrator – Andrew Golas.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Koronis called the meeting to order at 6:45pm with the pledge of allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda / Warrant Approval as Needed

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 13, 2022 – 6:30pm. **Motion by Mr. Borowski to approve as written, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, motion carries with Mr. Singer abstaining.**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum

- Selectman Zurawski read the announcements.

IV. Appointments/Resignation:

V. Scheduled Appointments:

VI. New Business:

1. Set Trick or Treat – date and hours. Mr. Golas stated that it's that time of year when the Board is asked to set the date and time for Trick or Treating. Halloween is on Monday, October 31, 2022. Normal trick or treat hours are 5:30pm – 7:30pm. During COVID, the board voted to change the hours to 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Last year the board voted the hours to be 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Chief Dowd approves as well but would leave the times and date up to the board. He would also like to invite the board to join the employees on October 31, 2022 at 11:00am when the children from the Library come over to the town hall in their costumes and trick or treat. The employees do their best to make this a fun event for the children and dress up as well to pass out the candy. **Motion by Mr. Borowski to set the time for 5:00pm – 7:30pm, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**
2. Request for four 1,000 gallon above ground propane tanks for the winterization on the concrete plant at 53 Sturbridge Road. Mr. Golas stated that attached is a request from BlueWater Property Group to store four 1,000 gallon above ground propane tanks for the winterization on the concrete plant at 53 Sturbridge Road. The application has been reviewed and approved by Fire Inspector, Dennis Carlson. As the Board is the issuing authority for this license, he would recommend they approve it. **Motion by Mr. Borowski to approve, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**
3. Knights of Columbus – request for Tootsie Roll Drive. Mr. Golas stated that the Knights of Columbus – Charlton Council #11379 is seeking to conduct a “Tootsie Roll Drive” to benefit

Children with special needs and disabilities. They would like to set up a “Voluntary Toll Road” on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 8am – 2pm at the corner of Main St. and Masonic Home Road. This request has been forwarded and approved by Police Chief Dowd contingent upon the following safety precautions:

- All volunteers must wear bright colored vests (yellow, orange, green or red) while soliciting donations;
- Orange traffic cones must be set out on Main St. and Masonic Home Rd. for a distance of not less than 50 ft on each respective way prior to reaching the toll station. A minimum of 5 traffic cones on each roadway should be put in place at a distance no greater than 10 ft. apart;
- Signs warning “Voluntary Toll Road Ahead” must be erected on both Masonic Home Rd. and Main St. not less than 75 ft. from the toll collection area.

Should the Board approve this request, he would ask that they consider including Chief Dowd’s recommendations into the motion. **Motion by Mr. Borowski to approve with the Chief’s recommendations, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**

4. Request for One Day Special Alcohol Beverage License and Traffic & Crowd Management Permit - The Overlook Fall Festival. Mr. Golas stated that attached are two applications submitted by The Overlook Community for a Special Alcoholic Beverages License and Traffic & Crowd Management Permit to be used during their annual Fall Festival on October 1, 2022 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at 88 Masonic Home Road. The applications were forwarded to the Police Chief, Building Commissioner and Fire Department. Police Chief Dowd has approved the applications. The Building Commissioner and Fire Department are still working with the applicants for the needed documents for these requests and have not given their approval yet. Since the event is this Saturday, he would ask the Board to approve these requests pending the Building Commissioner and Fire Department approval and with any stipulations they provide. We will make sure those accompany the approved permits. He would also like to thank the departments for working with the Overlook during this process. **Motion by Mr. Borowski to approve, seconded by Ms. Rydlak, unanimous.**

VII. Old Business:

1. Valley Green Grow (VGG) – no action

VIII. BOS Committee Reports

IX. BOS Policy Review

X. BOS & TA Goals & Objectives

XI. Town Administrator Report – Mr. Golas reviewed his report.

XII. Other Business (unknown at time of posting)

Chairman Koronis said that he is wearing his Brake the Silence Sweatshirt which is for suicide awareness and mental health issues. In the past 10 – 15 years, they have raised around \$145,000.

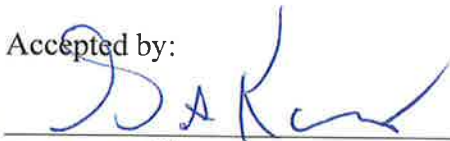
XIII. Next Meeting Announcement:

- BOS Special Meeting with Finance Committee – October 4, 2022, 6:30pm, Senior Center. Mr. Singer stated that Yom Kippur starts at sundown on October 4<sup>th</sup> and he won’t be in attendance.


XIV. Adjourn – **Motion by Mr. Borowski to enter executive session at 7:56pm under M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a), #3 – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation (Police Union) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and to reconvene to open session if needed, and to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rydlak. The chair so declares. Roll call vote: Ms. Zurawski – aye, Ms. Rydlak – aye, Mr. Singer – aye, Mr. Borowski – aye and Chairman Koronis – aye.**

Submitted by:  
Mary C. Devlin  
Executive Assistant

Accepted by:

  
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Stephen G. Koronis, Chairman

  
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Barbara Zurawski, Clerk

  
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Patsy Rydlak, Vice-Chairman

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David M. Singer, Member

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William Borowski, Member



## TOWN OF CHARLTON

# Administrator's Report

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Fire Substation - 9/26 - 6:30 PM
- Assessors - 9/27 - 5 PM
- Selectmen - 9/27 - 6:30 PM
- Marijuana Advisory - 9/27 - 6 PM
- Recreation - 9/27 - 7 PM
- DCRSD - 9/28 - 5 PM
- Economic Development - 10/4 - 5 PM
- Council on Aging - 10/5 - 10:30 AM
- Planning - 10/5 - 7 PM

### ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

National Grid recently announced the proposed electricity supply rate for Winter will be 33.891 cents per kWh, an increase of 22.4 cents from the current rate.

Charlton Residents and businesses are members of the Charlton Community Electricity Aggregation (CEA). The CEA is an electricity supply program organized by the Town of Charlton to provide residents and businesses with Town-vetted options for electricity supply.

The current supply rate of standard electricity through the program is 10.316 cents kWh through December. Effective January 1st, the new rate will be 15.540 cents per kWh, a significant savings from the proposed National Grid rate.

**If you are not yet enrolled in Charlton CEA, visit [charlton-cea.com](http://charlton-cea.com) to enroll in one of the offered products. Once service has begun, your choice will be reflected on your following month's electricity bill. Please note that based on your meter read date, it may take up to two months for your enrollment to be reflected on your National Grid bill.**

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Charlton is currently hiring for the following positions:

**Police Officer - Civil Service - Lateral Transfer  
Regional Health Inspector - Board of Health**

New positions are regularly posted as they become available.

Apply today at [www.townofcharlton.net/jobs](http://www.townofcharlton.net/jobs)

### FY23 CAPITAL PLAN

The FY 23 proposed Capital Plan is now available for public view and consideration. The Capital Plan provides a five year projection for strategic town investments utilizing multiple funding sources.

To view the proposed capital plan, please visit the Spotlights section at [www.townofcharlton.net](http://www.townofcharlton.net)

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE

The Town of Charlton Economic Development Commission recently launched a new website solely focused on resources to support the town's growing business community. Visit today at:

[www.townofcharlton.net/business](http://www.townofcharlton.net/business)

As part of this new initiative, we are creating a Charlton Business Directory to be featured on the site. If you would like your business included in the directory, please email your Business, location, hours and short story about yourself to Town Administrator Andrew Golas at [Andrew.Golas@townofcharlton.net](mailto:Andrew.Golas@townofcharlton.net).