

Charlotte Senior Center Board Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2026

Location: Charlotte Senior Center

Attendance: Lane Morrison (Chair), Polly Price, Ron Ulmer, Susan Hyde, Brandon Tieso, Magdalena Naylor, Loretta McManus

Staff: Lori York, Thyleen Tenney

1. Call to Order & Minutes

Previous minutes approved with amendments (removed specific budget language and dollar amounts per staff request).

2. Upcoming Events

Town Meeting: Saturday, February 28, 9:00 AM. Board members encouraged to attend. Fire & Rescue budget (~\$1M of \$3M town budget, with 15-20% increase) will be a separate hand vote.

3. Budget Update

Town Budget: Lori York presented at the fourth Selectboard review. \$5,000 was moved from maintenance budget to capital reserve (intended to be helpful but may require Friends support to cover actual expenses).

Roof Project: \$85,000 currently earmarked in capital reserve for standing seam roof replacement. Estimated total cost: \$125,000. The Friends previously committed \$25,000 toward the project. Remaining gap: ~\$40,000. Target: Begin construction after July 1 (new fiscal year).

Motion: Lane Morrison and Susan Hyde will coordinate with P&P to obtain quotes and manage the project directly.

4. Treasurer's Report

Current income: \$42,000 YTD (budgeted \$52,000)

Rentals: \$4,200 collected (budgeted \$2,000) - word of mouth driving demand

Expenses: \$85,000 YTD (budgeted \$159,000)

Concerns: Snow plowing over budget; dumpster invoices pending

5. Director's Report

Phone/Internet: Waitsfield fiber optic installation completed today. Two phone lines, voicemail, and Wi-Fi now operational. Cost: ~\$200/month (down from \$333 Comcast). Long distance: \$0.08/minute for non-802 calls.

Flower Program: \$1,800 in donations over six months. Diana coordinates with Trader Joe's for weekly arrangements.

Newsletter: 997 email subscribers; goal to reach 1,000 by next meeting.

Grant: Application submitted to Shelburne Social Services.

6. Name Change Subcommittee Update

First meeting held. Brandon Tieso facilitated. Emily Morrow (attorney for Walter Irish's estate) provided written endorsement stating Walter would likely have supported modernizing the name if it serves the community's evolving needs.

Committee members: Brandon Tieso, Loretta McManus, Mary Ann Gatos, Jonathan Hart

Timeline: Recommendations to Board by June 2026; implementation target 2027.

Action: SWOT analysis at next committee meeting.

7. Other Business

Snow Day Protocol: Lane Morrison and Ron Ulmer will monitor conditions and coordinate closures. Junior Lewis (Road Commissioner) and Steve Denton (plowing) available for ground-truth assessments.

Coverage: School vacation week (Feb 24-28) - volunteers needed. Lane will close on Friday, Feb 27. Tuesday, Feb 24 AM host still needed.

Septic: Lane will contact P&P to check pumping schedule and system status.

Crosswalk: Non-functional due to snow accumulation; to be addressed with town post-winter.

Plant Sale: Canceled for 2026. Language approved: "The Friends are taking a pause to reevaluate fundraising and community events. We look forward to future conversations about alternative programming."

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Next Meeting: March 2026 (date TBD)

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Tieso