

Minutes

Chester Board of Selectmen/Water Dept./Zoning Board

June 27, 2016

(Held at the Chester Train Station)

Chairman Ellershaw called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved. Warrants signed.

1. Jaimy Bartok, PVPC presented the 2nd public engagement meeting in regards to the Town of Chester's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The committee has met and fulfilled its obligations. PVPC will now put together the document to submit for approval. Once approved it will come back to the town to adopt. At that time the town will be approved for future grant opportunities having to do with hazard mitigation.
2. John Murray, Highway Superintendent and discussion of East River Rd.
 - a. Representative Steve Kulik was in attendance and walked everyone through the process of how monies get distributed under the Transportation Bond Bill. ERR is currently not listed in the State's present 5-year Capital Investment plan. We have some design work already done which is a start, but we are not as yet on the priority list through Mass DOT. We have submitted paperwork to DOT to get the ball rolling, and are awaiting to arrange a meeting date early in July with representatives from Mass DOT, to thoroughly understand what we must do going forward.
 - b. Rene Senecal spoke about the TIP program vs. staying on the Mass. list. The TIP program may take longer. At this time we are looking to apply for a MASS Works grant of up to \$1,000,000 to use on ERR to get us through until the longer, more aggressive project can be financed.
Discussion about residents as well as other Selectboards writing letters in support of the project. Steve Kulik agreed that would be helpful. He will assist us with our efforts to obtain a grant through MASS Works (formerly STRAP grant). Don asked those residents who were here from Middlefield to request a letter of support from their Selectboard.
 - c. Lyons Hill, Upper Johnson Hill Rd. it has been recommended by DOT not to do the work previously proposed to these roads. Instead we will look at the drainage issues, repair what's needed, and use the Chapter 90 monies to help with East River Rd. repairs. The board asked John to make sure the proper paperwork get done and submitted for signature by the next meeting.
 - d. John also spoke about tree trimming. By trimming the canopy over the roads it should save the roads longer due to the sun hitting, melting quicker, etc. Discussion regarding water runoff on Skyline.

- e. Rene Senecal suggested the need for an MPO and TAC representative from Chester. We will put it on the next agenda for discussion.
- 3. 2017 Appointments: John B. Moved to Appoint the various members of the boards and commission as presented. Barbara 2nd. Unanimous. A list is attached to these minutes. Don moved the list of Police officer appointments. Barbara 2nd. John B. Abstained. Passed.
- 4. Pat presented the 2017-2018 Voc Ed Transportation bid. Three packages were picked up. Only one was returned. John moved the bid be awarded to Lecrenski Brothers. Don 2nd. Unanimous. It was a 7 town bid.

Barbara asked if we do our own truck repairs? John M. responded that we do as much as we can, but electronics play a big part of repair these days.

Barbara thanked Don Ellershaw for his years of service as a Selectmen. This will be his last meeting.

Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. John 2nd Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Carlino, Town Administrator

Donald Ellershaw, Chairman

John Baldasaro, Vice Chairman

Barbara Huntoon, Clerk