

**Town of Chester**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**October 24, 2016**

Chairman John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Minutes of 10/17/16 were moved and accepted. Warrant were signed.

John Murray, Highway Department:

Overview is that Johnson Hill road is all set, ERR underway. Catch Basin cleaning under way. Questions as to whether they are blowing out across the street, or just down. John M will need to check to see what they are doing. Still a few more to go, need to check below Don Ellershaw's on Skyline Rd.

International had the windshield fixed. Blower was put on the mower. CMELD agreed to the proposal at their last meeting.

Mowing still going on. Prospect St., Rosanne sent a letter to homeowner about trimming bushes. Gave two weeks to hear back. Huntington has trimmed their trees that were overhanging on Old State Rd.

ERR is ¾'s done, will be back tomorrow. Rene asked if we were having line painting done as well. Not sure. Will check with Rosanne. Also, did we ever receive any certificates from T. Engwer as to his ability to work on our trucks? John M. stated that Tom told him he was certified, but never got anything in writing.

John Murray then asked if the board still wanted him to come every meeting seeing they now meet every week. After discussion it was determined to keep John at the old schedule, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, unless of course something comes up.

Sealcoat Inc. contract for crack and seal were ready to sign. Rene asked where the specs were? As they were opened at the last meeting, we will make sure another copy goes with the contract as well.

Tree trimming? Rene spoke of a new program for an assessment program of all trees. We will look into it, through the Berkshire county group purchasing. Hinsdale approximately \$3800-\$4200. Pat will look into PVPC doing this. CMELD only trims what they need to trim, can't be done our work also.

Town Administrator

Day off 10/26/16 to attend meeting and dinner

CAMA Memo of Agreement for computer software through the state, Tyler Technologies.

Mass. Cultural Council Contract for FY 17 \$4,400.

Signed the STM warrant for 11/14/16

Pat also noted new flags are on their way.

Pat suggested sending out a citizen survey for to help with the economic development portion of the Community Compact. Will talk to Erica to see if they would be willing to pay the postage.

Barbara asked what the process was for signing up for Robo calls. Pat will find out.

Ed Meecham: Mowing still looks good. Still need more done. He thinks CMELD should do more tree trimming.

Tom Beck: Suggested using a chipper for some of the bigger trees.

John B. moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Rene 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Carlino, Town Administrator

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John Baldasaro, Chairman

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Barbara Huntoon, Vice Chairman

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Rene Senecal, Clerk