

Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioner/Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

1. Chairman Baldasaro called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Minutes approved and signed.
Warrants approved and signed.
2. Town Administrator: CMELD scheduled power outage 4/19 from 9-1 or on rain date of 4/20.
Chapter 90 project submission forms for crack sealing the remaining sections of Bromley Rd and Skyline Trail were approved and signed. Chapter 90 2017 apportionment for Town of Chester is \$234,161.00
3. Board of Health: Norma McDonald, Carl Baldasaro- Due to the resignation of Susan Bishop the BOH is requesting appointment of Terry Donovan as interim committee member to fulfill Bishop's term. Donovan is unopposed on 2017 ballot. Vice-Chairman Huntoon motioned to appoint Terry Donovan as Board of Health member to fill open seat until May 6 election (contingent upon Donovan's acceptance of appointment) Clerk Senecal seconded, voted unanimously.
4. Shirley Winer: Condition of Kinne Brook Rd. Superintendent Murray to review situation.

Discussion of MassWorks grant process and requests to various agencies for letters of support.

Clerk Senecal noted "traffic" at 37 Middlefield Rd., Admin Asst. McClafin stated it is due to demolition project bid opening, the town received 20 requests for bid packages, and 7 bid submissions ranging from \$11899.00 to \$56,900.00. All bids have been taken under advisement, no award had been made.

Vice-Chairman Huntoon stated R. Duane Pease questioned the lock on the water shed gate. Admin Asst. McClafin to confirm watershed access restrictions with Mass DEP. Vice-Chairman Huntoon also wanted to make note of Superintendent Murray's quick response to Abbott Hill wash out due to heavy rains 4/7/2017 and voice appreciation and thanks.

Discussion of possible decommission of Becket spring on Rte. 20. due to continued presence of e-coli.

Admin Asst. McClafin presented concerns voiced by resident regarding location of bee hives on Rte. 20. Chairman Baldasaro noted the agricultural zoning of the area allows this activity, issue is not related to duty of BOS.

Chairman Baldasaro requested meeting to be scheduled with Town Administrator, Town Accountant and Treasurer to discuss policy and procedures.

Vice-Chairman Huntoon would like priority list from COA to begin process of expansion into Police Department area for short term solution to space issues the COA is experiencing, does not want issue to "fall through the cracks", Admin Asst. McClafin to draft letter to COA requesting specific requirements.

Resident from Middlefield Rd. noted concern regarding large branches from dying ash trees, Chairman Baldasaro noted additional funding had been requested by highway department for tree removal, Superintendent Murray to review.

There being no further business, Chairman Baldasaro moved to adjourn meeting, Vice-Chairman Huntoon second, meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting April 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne McClaflin Recording Secretary

John Baldasaro – Chairman

Barbara Huntoon – Vice-Chairman

Rene Senecal – Clerk