

Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioner/Zoning Board of Appeals
Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017

1. Chairman Baldasaro opened meeting at 6:00 p.m.- Clerk Senecal absent.
2. Minutes from 5/8/2017 BOS meeting approved and signed.
3. Warrants signed.
4. Highway Department/John Murray – Review of 4 quotes for zero turn mower, Vice-Chairman Huntoon motioned to purchase SKAG 52” 25 HP ‘0’ turn commercial lawn mower for \$8319.00, Chairman Baldasaro seconded, unanimous (Clerk Senecal absent). Repairs to 2012 International dump truck \$12320.05, Nutmeg is requesting a check prior to release of vehicle. Sweepers coming back 5/16 and 5/17, were unable to proceed last week due to rain. The Highway Department attended a vendor show and equipment show at Patriot Freightliner and attended seminars offered regarding brake, transmission and 4x4 maintenance. F-350 still in shop for repairs, check engine light on again. Dirt road grading and maintenance moving forward, culverts installed on Sylvester Hamilton and Holcomb Road. Chairman Baldasaro asked what plan is for Middlefield Road, Superintendent Murray noted “fix it”, clear swales, fill pot holes, add material etc. Superintendent Murray also noted tree removal done last week on Maple St and Round Hill Rd, plans to trim or remove if necessary additional trees on Middlefield St. Chairman Baldasaro asked if John had plans regarding Shirley Winer’s – Kinne Brook - road, John to add material as available. Vice-Chairman Huntoon asked if millings could be used, Murray stated not on dirt roads. Chairman Baldasaro noted an anonymous complaint made regarding a dumpster on Holcomb Rd that is too close or in the road, Superintendent Murray to review, speak to homeowner.
5. Additional Vocational Education student, missed deadline, need Board of Selectmen approval to apply. Vice-Chairman Huntoon motion to allow Joel Sakaske to apply to Westfield Vocational, Chairman Baldasaro seconded, unanimous (Clerk Senecal-absent)
6. Town Administrator/Pat Carlino – Green Community Grant coming out for energy audit. No free cash certification yet, estimated \$275,000.00. Town Administrator needs additional funds to finish Fiscal 2016, funds can be moved at end of year to cover (municipal relief) but may show as deficit until transfer can be made. Continued issues with Comcast internet service, Vice-Chairman would like a log kept of issues, service calls etc. Comcast build-out “coming along”, town will be at approximately 98% service at completion. Final warrant for Annual Town Meeting will be prepared for May 22, 2017 meeting.
7. Citizen Comments
 - a. Mr. Hickson-presented a petition requesting feasibility study be done regarding sale of CMELD to be placed on warrant for annual town meeting. Vice-Chairman Huntoon motioned to add warrant item, Chairman Baldasaro seconded, unanimous.
 - b. Mr. Johnson-East River Rd. looking for an update regarding MASSWORKS grant application, Chairman Baldasaro confirmed application and supporting documents are ready to submit once application portal opens June 3.

No further business, Chairman Baldasaro motioned to adjourn 6:50 pm, Vic-Chairman Huntoon second, meeting adjourned.

Next regularly scheduled meeting May 22,2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosanne McClafin Recoding Secretary

John Baldasaro – Chairman

Barbara Huntoon – Vice-Chairman

Rene Senecal - Clerk