

TOWN OF CHESTER

Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners/Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

Attendance: BOS-Chairman John Baldasaro, Vice-Chairman Barbara Huntoon, Clerk Rene Senecal, Town Administrator Patricia Carlino, Administrative Assistant Rosanne McClafin, Highway Superintendent John Murray, Bob Daly, John Foley, Wilma Foley, Mike Donovan (Country Journal)

- I. Chairman Baldasaro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2017**
- II. Minutes from last meeting date August 21 ,2017 were approved and signed.**
- III. Warrants were approved and signed.**
- IV. John Murray-Highway Department** – provided paper trail of wage increase requests, noted he was promised an additional \$1.00 @ hour by previous Chairman Ellershaw but never received. Extensive discussion regarding mechanical issues and repairs related the Ford F-350 and Dresser Grader. Clerk Senecal feels that Superintendent Murray has not effectively evaluated or addressed repeated issues with both vehicles. Superintendent Murray accepted responsibility for his decisions but felt it “a bash John” session and feels he is disliked by Clerk Senecal. Clerk Senecal stated his interest is only in what is best for the Town, not personal toward John (Murray). Vice-Chairman Huntoon stated the discussion was not about “bashing” John, but an effort to promote proactive action vs. reactive action. Chairman Baldasaro asked about status of mowing and roads remaining to be graded. Superintendent Murray stated mowing was in progress on East River Rd., the mower works at an approximate 4/10ths of a mile per day, and must be shared with CMELD so progress is very slow, roads remaining to be graded can be addressed with other equipment as the grader brakes are still not working properly to ensure operator safety on steep grades. Topic of Johnson Hill paving, Superintendent Murray to add additional material to edges of road. John Deere lawnmower out of service needs \$1055.96 repair to rear axle and transmission, will hold off on repair to research options, mower is not worth continued expense to maintain it, ‘zero turn’ mower needed belt replacement-covered under warrantee. Additional discussion of Selectboard’s expectations of Superintendent’s job performance, Chairman Baldasaro wants to see an effective plan to resolve ongoing issues, and would like ideas prepared to be presented at next selectboard meeting.
- V. PVPC discharge of lien signed**
- VI. Heating oil locked in at \$2.04 per gallon**
- VII. CDB Grant signed**
- VIII. Town Administrator-Patricia Carlino** – Research found old “donation” accounts with funds that were never dispersed. Administrator Carlino is hoping funds may be used toward design services for elevator, pending grant for repairs does not allow grant funds to be used toward design services. Special Town Meeting must

be held to approve transfer of funds. Resident request for Town Hall use for private party- Board approved, would like a \$50 damage/clean-up deposit and \$25.00 fee for use. Resignation by Board of Health member Carl Baldasaro-effective immediately due to time constraints. Town Administrator to post position for interim appointment until next election. There will be a Shared Services-Financial meeting held Saturday September 16, 2017 from 9:00a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Stanton Hall in Huntington.

- IX. Citizen Comments-** Bob Daly asked for report on Town accounts, the Treasurer has only had assistance for 2 weeks in relation to balancing these accounts, accounts balanced through 9/2016 should be completed soon. Mr. Daly also asked if a date for Special Town Meeting in connection to school budget had been determined, Town Administrator noted we cannot schedule STM until notified by GRSD Committee of new budget proposal. Additional discussion of school department, budget and meetings. Bob also noted that the Veteran’s Agent-Tom Geryk had been in the Town Hall and was invited to attend the COA lunch, Mr. Geryk joined the COA group, provided information and generated 2 additional applications and scheduled an additional appointment to aid veteran citizens. Bob also state that between Wednesday September 6 and Saturday September 9, the Transfer Station had bottles and cans removed from the storage container and that appliances had been left in the yard. Discussion of possible security cameras for Transfer Station. Town Administrator Carlino noted that additionally, the bulletin board outside of the Town Hall had been vandalized, the Police Department has been notified. No further citizen comments.

There being no further discussion Chairman Baldasaro adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Rosanne McClafin

John Baldasaro – Chairman

Barbara Huntoon – Vice-Chairman

Rene Senecal - Clerk