

Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners/Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes

September 28, 2015

Vice Chairman John Baldasaro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Ellershaw was absent due to illness.

Also in attendance: John Murray, Gene Watters, Ed Meecham, and joining later was Sally Loomis, Mr. & Mrs. Freedberg. & Shirley Weiner, Chet Brett

Minutes of 9/14/15 were signed. Warrants were signed.

John Murray: (see list provided) John went over completed projects for the last two weeks. Milling has started on Skyline. Question as to why some millings were dumped in personal driveways. John explained that all area identified for storage of millings were full, including highway department, and he was faced with either dumping them somewhere in town, or having to pay to have them delivered to Westfield at an additional cost to the town. He had spoken to Lane, and the police, who indicated that people driving by were asking if they could dump them off, and faced with making a decision quickly, indicated to Lane that they could dump where requested. None of the town of Chester trucks were involved, only Lane. The amount of millings we would need to store was underestimated. In addition, some of the millings involved are unsuitable in their present state for reuse on the roads due to large chunks of boulders. John to check with DOT to see about a process to crush some of the millings either by renting or buying a crusher. Ed Meechan suggested checking with Huntington to see how their road holds up. Discussion of water company meeting certain conditions. Barbara asked if they could return to the discussion at hand. In the future, she asked that if a decision needing immediate action should take place that the Board be informed by John M. in order to keep them in the loop.

John has three prices held over from 2013 for the restoration of the culvert on Old State Road. At this time he is checking with the original three bidders to get updated figures. Given the time of year this project will probably not get done until next fall. Reclamation of Johnson Hill and Lyon Hill to begin mid October. Pole Barn is coming along. Highway Dept dug up the propane tank behind town hall in order for a new one to be installed. Doug and Steve are taking water classes. Ms. Weiner complained of conditions on Kinne Brook Rd. John M. stated they had plans to get there. Have already been clearing brush.

John Baldasaro made a motion to appoint Annette LaMountain to the Chester Cultural Council for a 3 year period. Barbara 2nd. Unanimous.

Sally Loomis: Sally was there to explain the Conservation Restriction Agreement for Sarah Freeberg Revocable Trust at 148 and 173 Round Hill Rd. John B. had some questions regarding access to the public, and Sally explained that this was the normal verbage contained, that currently the property is

private property, and therefore does not need to allow public access, and that the restriction would not change that. Ms. Freeberg explained that they do sometimes have people who have come on their land due to mistakes, etc., from the State forest, but that normally everyone is respectful and there have been no problems, and she would expect that not to change. John's concern was that the verbage "in perpetuity" meant that eventually any new owners could change that. Sally said that this subject was actually debated internally, and in the end it was decided to leave it up to the owners.

Chet _____ was at meeting to support the conservation restriction.

After further discussion, John moved to sign the Conservation Restriction, Barbara 2nd. Unanimous.

54 Holcomb Rd. Discussion held as to Mr. Richards request to remove 2 acres from Chapter 61 classification that he would like to sell. Assessors have calculated the pay back that he needs to make (\$105.04) and so if desired, the Selectboard needs to vote to "refuse to exercise their right of first refusal" John moved to refuse their right of first refusal for the property in question. Barbara 2nd. Unanimous.

Both John and Barbara expressed the desire that Bernie St. Martin come to the next meeting. Pat will make sure he knows.

Town Administrator:

Date for Trick or Treat? After discussion, it was decided that Saturday, 10/31 would be the night, with trick or treating between the hours of 5 and 7.

Next meeting: Due to the 10/12/15 holiday, the next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Citizens Comments: Ed Meecham; questioned why we need a building up on the hill (Bromley Rd)for the highway department. John explained that we are just gathering information, and talking about various ways of keeping the truck salt free. Nothing decided as yet. Discussion of use of the excavator. John B. would like to see the highway department put at least 500 hours on it before any decisions are made.

John moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Barbara 2nd. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino, Town Administrator

Donald Ellershaw, Chairman

Barbara Huntoon, Clerk

John Baldasaro, Vice Chairman