

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

Minutes

October 26, 2015

Vice Ch. John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ellershaw was not in attendance due to illness.

Attending at start of meeting: B. Huntoon, G. Watters, M. Hickson, E. Meecham, D. Dunn.

Minutes of 10/13/2015 were signed. Warrants signed.

Discussion of Special Town Meeting regarding the school vote. Must be held by Nov. 21st.

John B. moved, B. Huntoon seconded, to hold the STM on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the approved Gateway budget. Unanimous.

Bernie St. Martin, Water Department. Bernie had submitted a list of things he feels are necessary to take care of at the water plant, as well as pictures of the painting work. He can be available at the Selectboard's next meeting to explain his requests.

John Murray was not in attendance, but sent a list of projects that had been completed in the last couple of weeks, including the Chapter 90 projects.

John B. asked about the complaint regarding the highway's deposits. Treasurer is taking care of it. There was a problem with the company's software, but no interest is being lost.

Question as to how to sell old unused plows. They should be advertised and put out to bid.

6:15 p.m. Erica Johnson: Pioneer Valley Planning commission: Public Forum

Erica explained the process for Block Grant Funding:

Hampden St. not quite finished, but PVPC is following up with the contractor on it.

She presented to the Board the Community Development Strategy, 2016 for their comments and suggestions. Still need sidewalk work on Main and Middlefield. ADA project is ongoing and should have a report by the end of the year. Diane Dunn stressed the need for sidewalks on Middlefield. Applications are due by 2/14/16 and we will have a final meeting by the end of January. Award notifications will take place by July?

At this time John moved, Barbara seconded, to go into a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, and to come back to open session when it is finished.

7:00 P.M. Zoning Board of Appeals hearing:

John B. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and asked for a motion to continue the meeting until December 14th, due to the fact there were only two members present. Barbara moved to continue the meeting until 12/14/15 at 7:00 p.m. John seconded. Unanimous.

Back to Selectmen's meeting:

Citizens Comments:

Ed Meecham: Satisfied with work done on the sides of roads. Millings still to be crushed? Has Kathy Stevens come yet to measure the core depth on Skyline? Tree down between Bromley & Skyline?

Barbara has mixed feelings about John M using his own equipment on Chester work. He is using his small excavator as necessary, but we need to decide if we are going to sell/trade in the big excavator or not.

John B. moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Barbara seconded. Unanimous.

Next scheduled meeting November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Carlino

Town Administrator

Donald Ellershaw, Chairman

John Baldasaro, Vice Chairman

Barbara Huntoon, Clerk