

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

February 4, 2015

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that this was the original meeting scheduled for January 26, rescheduled for February 2nd, and finally able to be held tonight, February 4th, 2015.

Frank Pero, absent.

Warrants and minutes of January 12, 2015 and January 21, 2015 signed.

1. John Murray, Highway: John reported that everything was going ok, but we did have trouble with equipment. Mach Truck had to be sent out, due to springs, now the International had to be sent out also for springs. John does not agree with the plan currently in place to deal with the Mach truck. Thinks we would be throwing good money after bad. Would like to start looking for a replacement truck. Selectmen agreed. We can get through the winter with it, and hopefully replace it before next winter. International needs four new tires. John will get prices. Selectmen reiterated their policy of materials. Don't be shy, put the material down. Asked about John using truck to take home. For now he has just used his own. Can he just fuel up instead of using town truck. Selectmen okayed this request. He also asked about the possibility of getting a couple of weeks vacation before his first year is up. Selectmen will look into it and see what can be done. Highway will address downtown areas of snow.
2. Cheryl Provost addressed board about caucus date. After discussion, John moved, Don 2nd, to hold the town caucus March 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at town hall. The Annual town Election will be Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. in the town hall.
3. Broadband Maps; Selectmen looked over the newly revised map and felt the corrections made were close enough.
4. Don suggested sending out a notice to employees who received a "stipend" to see if they would be willing to receive it possibly one or twice a year rather than every two weeks, in order to reduce payroll costs. Pat will follow through with treasurer
5. Given that none of the Selectmen will be able to attend the 2/1 meeting in Huntington, Pat will attend in take notes and bring back to board.

6. Information from Chester on Track May 16th, about Selectmen attendance. Of course they will be there.
7. Town of Colrain letter to Senator Rosenberg regarding Mass Broadband institute and Wired West. Selectmen declined to endorse.
8. DLTA grant regarding Worthington withdrawal. Don had concerns that PVPC was not talking to the right people. The request from Joshua Daigle suggested that he had already spoken with someone from chester. Pat to check out and see just whom he spoke to.
9. Erica Johnson, PVPC; looking for a representative from Chester to participate on a committee to guide and oversee the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plans. Pat offered to serve.

Next meeting will be held Feburary 17, 2015 **at 5:00 p.m.** Note different time.

Don moved to adjourn 7:15 pm. John seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino
Town Administrator

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Donald Ellershaw, Vice Chairman

Frank Pero, Jr., Clerk