

**TOWN OF CHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
March 9, 2015**

1. John Baldasaro opened meeting at 6:00 p.m. Minutes of 2/17/15 signed. Warrants signed.
2. Roscoe's entertainment license: John moved, Don 2nd to approve. Unanimous.
3. Water Mainenance: Art Lindberg and Pam Zebrowski attended meeting to discuss water issues. Art submitted his resignation as of August 1, 2015. We will need to find someone who can take over the installation/repair of water meters. So far no one has come forward through postings in the Watts news and website. It is an infrequent incident, but needs someone on call to do. Frank Pero suggested he could do it if it were not in conflict. After discussion, as Frank is considered to be "special employee", it was decided that Frank would see Art to teach him about the meters. Also, we need to develop policy for the homeowners lack of attention to their meters. After discussion, it was decided that when a meter is installed the homeowners should be advised that the first meter is free. If it should break due to lack of heat, etc., the cost of an additional meter would be borne by the owner. Pat will work with Art in coming up with something to be handed out when a meter is installed. In addition, Pam's concern is of not knowing who to call with water breaks, etc. It's been a very hard winter and so far the Highway crew has responded very well, but going forward? John Murray suggested that the highway crew could respond to the meter situation as well, but the Selectmen felt strongly that they should not be doing any more water work then they are now.

Mike Hickson was concerned about leaving the water running during this cold winter, and the cost of it. Didn't feel he should have to pay more for his water due to Town water pipes freezing up. It was determined that Pat and Pam will come up with a plan to compare costs between quarters to see exactly how much more was being paid. The Selectmen would then decide if they can do anything to help the ratepayers.

4. John Murray: 2012 International needed to go back to Superiorr Springs for maintenance. New truck is running well. Maynard Hill Rd., Nowhere to put the snow. John has spoken with owners. E.River Rd. is a mess, potholes. Complaints. The highway crew will start to work on opening up waterways, drains tomorrow to help with the melting and getting the ditches to function.

Information about proposed Skyline Trail project discussed. Kathy Stevens suggested a different way of constructing. John will try to reach someone to come out and give him new pricing.
Discussion of new truck purchase. It was decided to hold a Special Town Meeting in the near future to take from Free Cash (amount coming soon). Will deal with bigger truck later in the year.
Discussion of hiring another man in the highway department. After discussion in was moved by John, 2nd by Don, to add to the budget for 2016. Unanimous.

5. John moved, Don 2nd, to approve Jill Moretz to commit water commitment. Unanimous
6. Payment for final report from UNH. John felt that anyone dealing with a municipality should know that the bill needs to be in by end of FY. He is not in favor of paying this request. Don agreed.
7. Town Council discussion: As our town council is closing their office at the end of March, Pat will check around and get some quotes from other municipal law offices for “pay as you go”, and report back.
8. Frank asked about getting particulars of School budget. He was told he can obtain that from the school department.
9. Holcomb Rd. discontinuance discussed. John advised Pat to call Kathy Stevens at DOT to ask how much footage is eligible for Chapter 90 to get an idea of how much of Holcomb Rd. we are talking about.
10. Town Hall work this spring; Discussion of a couple of projects that need to be done. Downstairs doors and bathroom heater. Board ok'd to have work done.
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Historical Commission; looking to get a link on website.

Town Administrator:

PVPC Invoice #14 CAP and #7 DRGP to sign.

Proposed 2016 budget. Pat will send out hard copy to Selectmen

Pat requested a vacation week 3/16 – 3/20. Approved. Pam Anderson from Assessors will cover phone, mail, etc.

Next Regularly scheduled meeting is April 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino
Town Administrator

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Donald Ellershaw, Vice Chairman

Frank Pero, Jr., Clerk

Minutes of 3/9/2015