

TOWN OF CHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ZONING BOARD/WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2016

Chairman Ellershaw opened meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of May 23, 2016 and warrants were approved and signed.
2. Highway Superintendent John Murray - absent –Rosanne McClaflin asked to comment on behalf of H.D.: Hampden St water hydrant broken, Bernie St.Martin notified, BOS instructed Rosanne to follow up with Bernie. Weed whacking on Skyline, tree trimming and chipping by summer help, grading, addition of materials and rolling on Upper Lyman and East River Roads. Hot Mix Asphalt to fill pot holes on Middlefield Road. Chairman Ellershaw asked about progress mapping culverts and storm drains and requested that they be cleaned as well. Drains on Skyline filled with sand. Discussion of Old State Road culvert, ineligible for bridge program monies as it is not a bridge but a box culvert, question then if/why engineering study required. R Question is it part of Westfield River scenic waterway, Conservation Commission to be involved. What possible funding available, Liz Lacy, Kerrie Banks, Meridith Babcock.
3. 6:15 Discussion regarding overdrawn accounts Board of Health, Clerk and Highway Department, Rosanne noted that there were several incorrect posting to Contract Services general ledger that once corrected will resolve issue, and that deficit in Snow Removal Expense account was due largely to need for materials due to storm damages. Discussion regarding Snow Payroll deficit. Question regarding Cemetery Expense – labor vs. expense/ are the entries reversed/transposed? Inconsistencies /errors Board would like to meet with accountant to review at next meeting. Cannot have overdrawn account. Request made by Vice Chairman Baldasaro to have Town Administrator send memo asking department heads to turn over any excess money/substantial balances from FY 2016 to general fund/free cash – all agreed. Walker Island Campground license signed.

6:30 no applicants present for interview, moved to Item 7-Healthy Hampshire Project

4. Caitlyn Marquis and Sarah Bankert(?) Healthy Hampshire Project, Public Health Grant for Hilltown Initiative re: chronic disease, Northampton holds grant but there is an expansion for community level and partnership with Hilltown Community Health Center. Developing clinical strategies and assessing process to increase access to healthier food and activities. Strategic planning-who is doing what to improve opportunities for access to food and what activities, suggested interaction with Council on Aging, Board of Health and Veterans Services. PVPC grant to collect information regarding demographics, etc. What are the issues in our own community, our development plans, and impact? Clerk Huntoon stated she believes there is a disconnect between the “Hill” and “Town” - no sidewalks on the hill – transportation issue – availability of grocery store vs. market for healthier food source. All the blueberries you want available on the hill. Council On Aging van transports seniors and veterans. Hilltown CDC transportation Study, Keep Farming Initiative, Farm Stands. Grant to focus on older, adult seniors, low income and handicapped. Community Development Block Grant to reconstruct Middlefield St sidewalks.
5. Building Inspector interviews:
Jonathan Flagg – has common friend with Clerk Huntoon. Contractor since high school, has had his own business, has been inspecting since 2007, Westfield Building Commissioner 2010 – resigned due to conflict with mayor. No issue with expectation for availability for office hours, has a “let’s see how we can get this done” attitude. Instrumental in new solar in Westfield. Anticipates ability to turn around permit applications same day, utilizes email for plans and documentation. Over 3000 plans per year in Westfield. Asked about salary – BOS stated \$6346.00 plus expenses.

Art Lawler- from Westfield, was building commissioner in Westfield, currently inspector in Southwick, has mutual connection with Clerk Huntoon with Russ Fox. Navy retiree, Vietnam Vet
See resume for additional qualifications. Will work to say "YES" is a "do-er" /team player. No conflict with current position, has already discussed with his town administrators. Utilizes email, familiar with e-permitting, wants to know "When can I start"
Current position pays for CEU's.

6. Plumbing Inspector interviews

William Clark – Chester volunteer fireman, wants to work to improve community, believes he will be a fair inspector-safety first. 35 years' experience.

OTHER APPLICANTS NOT YET PRESENT, MOVED TO ITEM 9 ON AGENDA

7. Item 5. Signed letter re: Jonathon Glionna to be on finance committee.

8. Signed CMELD mower agreement-Chairman Ellershaw abstained from signing

9. Vice-Chairman Baldasaro motioned for Chairman Ellershaw to sign authorization, seconded, Clerk Huntoon, Chairman Ellershaw made motion to vote to sign for approval Signatures for allowing ONE CALL AWAY motorcycle ride to proceed through Chester via Rte. 20 on July 24.

10. Special license for Chester Common Table, discussion regarding previous meeting item and status of license-allowing until permanent license from Boston. Vice Chairman Baldasaro motioned to grant license pro-tem terms (1 week at a time), Clerk Huntoon second, unanimous. Chairman Ellershaw, motioned to grant additional 1 week license, Motion by Vice- Chairman Baldasaro to vote, second by Clerk Huntoon, unanimous. Chairman Ellershaw motioned to grant additional temp license, Vice-Chairman Baldasaro seconded, unanimous. Instructions to inform Town Administrator that vote to extend temp license until such time permanent license from Boston comes in.

11. Applicant for plumbing Roger Pelletier present, proceeded with interview. 20 years plus in trade, MA Plumbing board

12. Applicant Anthony Loughran present, proceeded with interview. Huntington resident,

13. Moved to Item 8: Anne Wellington re: zoning concerns for the property she rents and is considering buying from Wm. Ivey Long on Middlefield St. Residence is in INDUSTRIALLY ZONED area. Concerns regarding ability to replace shed which was removed due to lot size and restrictions. She spoke with PVPC regarding accuracy of zoning maps. Concern of subdivision of property. Discussion regarding actual zoning of house industrial vs. residential. Comment regarding zoning regulations not serving health and welfare of residents. Deed research suggested. NAR? , planning board approval required to subdivide. Additional concerns regarding septic, is it on Engwer property? Is house salable? Suggestion to request additional land for septic from owner, planning board must be addressed to allow subdivision. Complaints regarding noise, idling of trucks at 3:30 a.m. ½ hour, is it legal? Suggestion made to speak to Tom Engwer regarding issues with idling trucks. Noise restrictions legal issue. Additional discussion regarding idling trucks and zoning. Title 5, etc.

14. Moved to Item 10: Vice-Chairman Baldasaro motioned to appoint Brian Farr and John Garvey to Jacob's Pillow Trail Scenic Byway Bylaw committee, Seconded Clerk Huntoon, unanimous. Instructions for them to get letter of appointment and be sworn in by town clerk.

15. Citizen comments: Ed Meacham – will we add additional help to run new equipment? Chairman feels 4th person needed, discussion followed regarding efficiency and structure of work flow in highway department. Chairman would like to see mowing done on rainy days with "new" mower. Chairman Ellershaw requesting prioritized list of to-do list from H.D. Ed Meacham

Comment regarding use of equipment vs. outside vendor.

No additional comments from citizens

Chairman Ellershaw to provide Rene Senecal with his keys and additional meeting minutes. June 27 meeting to be held at Train Station with Rep Kulik.

Ed Meacham complaint re: Skyline, road breaking up near his farm garage, drainage issues, and town should put in pylons, an area should be saw cut and patch. Lane not responsible, Meacham believes they are wrong. Mounds of dirt keeping water on road, Chairman Ellershaw points out old road is higher, Clerk Huntoon – state Lane took off too much, do we have any recourse? Rene Senecal questioned availability of evidence from Lane regarding removal of material. (millings) Question of H.D. has records for material removed from site. Chairmen Ellershaw suggested getting representative from Lane Const. back out to site to review job and having an additional town representative present with highway superintendent. Miscalculation? Documented truckload from Allstate regarding truck loads removed, material movement list, and contract should show how much was supposed to be removed, did they take too much? Was it rough cut vs. micro cut?

Inspector appointments,

Building Inspector, Chairman Ellershaw in favor of Art Lawler for Building Inspector, Clerk Huntoon in agreement. Clerk Huntoon motioned to appoint Mr. Lawler as Building Inspector, Chairman Ellershaw second, unanimous.

Plumbing inspector, Chairman torn, Clerk Huntoon prefers Anthony Loughran, Vice-Chair Baldasaro likes local resident, Clerk- Huntoon feels Anthony more professional, Clark would be “more of the same” Vice-Chair Baldasaro in favor of resident. Chairman Ellershaw “torn”- Clark to get INSPECTOR CCU’s as he is only Journeyman. Discussion followed.

Chairman Ellershaw suggested 6 month allowance of time for WM Clark to acquire certification/credentials (30 CEU’s) as Inspector, if he fails position will be refilled.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Baldasaro to appoint Wm. Clark as Plumbing Inspector with aforementioned caveat, second by Chairman Ellershaw, Clerk Huntoon vote NAY.

Next meeting to be held June 27, at Chester Train Station.

Chairman Ellershaw, motion to adjourn, seconded by Clerk Huntoon, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 8:49.

Respectfully submitted,
Roseanne McLaughlin

Donald Ellershaw, Ch.

John Baldasaro, V. Ch.

Barbara Huntoon, clerk