

Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioner/Zoning Board of Appeals
Minutes
August 29, 2016

Acting Chairman Barbara Huntoon opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., due to Chairman Baldasaro's absence.

John Murray: Highway Department: John gave an overview of activities over the last week or so. Listed on his weekly report. Helped with hydrant replacement, cleaning ditches, culverts etc. Looking to locate all catch basins, etc. Getting prices on outsourcing cleaning of them. Ongoing maintenance of vehicles. Unable to locate GPS town received through a grant. Will continue looking. Discussion of job descriptions for highway employees. Cannot seem to locate. Pat will put together some descriptions for the board to review and adopt. If a pre physical is required, it is the town's responsibility to pay for it.

Barbara read letter from Comcast regarding the agreement reached between MBI and Comcast. Basically they are asking us to hold off on town specific questions until they are able to meet with us regarding complete design (approx.. 180 days). Project has a two year time table until completion.

Pat reported that the oil bids were out, due back next week. Question as to whether the fire department should be involved or not. The board stated yes, otherwise we would not be getting a true value for the gallons being used. Pat will notify Richie. Barbara suggested that he come to a meeting if he is not in agreement with this decision.

COA sidewalk repair. The Board gave Pat a few more names of contractors to call: Neil Vreeland, Ron Ouimette, Frank Avalle, Andre laDeuex. Pat will call before having Dave Pierce try to repair.

Discussion of dirty water on Hampden St. due to the installation of the new fire hydrant was discussed. Unfortunately it did not get communicated in a timely manner and homeowners had to run their water for a time to get it cleared up, but most people understood.

Rene Senecal asked about the Chapter 90 projects and when the work was going to start. Roseanne answered that she had communicated with Allstate and Lane and it now looked like they would be here in the early part of October. Rene suggested calling them to make it sooner. John M. will make a call. On the new work still needing approval, Rene suggested calling Art (?) asking for a better price or if we could piggyback on the Hampshire county bid. Ro will check into it.

Rosanne explained she is working on the MassWorks grant to submission to the state this week.

Town Administrator:

Pat asked that she be given Tuesday, 9/6 off, and will make up on 9/8. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, 9/5 for Labor Day.

Pat reported that the bid laws questioned at the last meeting regarding the work to be done on ERR were in fact, correct, as explained by herself and Rene Senecal.

Citizens comments:

Ed Meecham agrees with calling Ron Ouimette. Had suggestions for John M. when cleaning the ditches, drains, etc. Bromley Rd. needs it too.

There being no further business, Barbara entertained a motion to adjourn. Rene seconded. Unanimous. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 12th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. due to the holiday on 9/5/16

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino

Town Administrator

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Barbara Huntoon, Vice Chairman

Rene Senecal, Clerk