

Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
October 17, 2016

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Minutes of 10/3/16 approved. Warrants approved.

John Murray, Highway Department:

John reported they were still filling potholes, and mowing. Johnson Hill roadwork on the lower portion started today. They have used about ½ of millings from stockpile at the town garage. John received a price for a new sander. Approximately \$4,700 with a trade in of \$750. Also ditching work done on Skyline, and cleaned water filter. Approval for the new blower to go on the mower is on the agenda for the next CMELD board meeting.

Rene asked about the salt contract. Are we on the state list? Yes. John will order a couple of loads tomorrow. Rene also spoke of new pavement preservation plan out there known as Street Scan. We will check into it.

Crack Sealing bid results. We only received one bid, from Seal Coating Inc. at 9.52 per gallon. The price through the Franklin County association is 9.53 per gallon, and Westfield recently spent over 11.00 per gallon. Rene suggested we check with the State for their bid price. John moved to accept the bid conditional upon getting the price from the State bid list. Barbara 2nd. Unanimous. Work should be done by 11/15/16. The town has requested and been approved for approximately \$71,000 from Chapter 90. Art Baker, representative of Allstates, suggested we start with Blandford Rd., then Skyline, then Bromley, and see how far that will take us. May do the whole thing, depending upon number of days/gallons used.

Prospect St.: We need to check on owner of the shrubbery that is impeding site. John directed Rosanne to send a letter to the owner regarding clean up the shrubbery or else the town will have to do it. Suggested giving her two weeks before

Cell Phone Policy: John moved to accept the Cell Phone Policy as presented. It provides for ½ of the monthly charge, up to \$85.00, which is the standard price for town owned cell phones. Rene 2nd. Unanimous.

Purple Heart Town: Barbara moved to designate the town of Chester as a Purple Heart Town. John 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Administrator: Pat reported we had received the environmental assessment report from ECS regarding 37 Middlefield Rd., and is working with PVPC on the next step. In addition, there is a new demolition fund available from the State that she is checking into.

Pat reported we had one more request for a special article for 11/14/16. Town clerk would like to transfer her line item monies (1,538) from Asst. Town Clerk to town clerk expenses to pay for a number of items in the town clerk's office that she feels necessary to purchase. She will do without an asst. for the remainder of the FY. John B. stated it was her choice if she didn't want an assistant and saw no problem. Barbara and Rene agreed.

Citizens Comments: Ed Meecham stated mowing is looking good. Also asked again about the safety issue on Old State Rd. re; trees that belong to Huntington. John M. will get a hold of Chipper to see if they can trim. Tom Beck commented on guardrails that were knocked down by a motorist. Who is going to fix. John M. will look into it.

John B. made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Rene 2nd. Unanimous. Next regularly scheduled meeting 10/24/16 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino

Town Administrator

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Barbara Huntoon, Vice Chairman

Rene Senecal, Clerk