

TOWN OF CHESTER

Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioner/Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2017

ATTENDANCE: BOS Chairman John Baldasaro, Vice-Chairman Barbara Huntoon, Clerk Rene Senecal, Town Administrator Patricia Carlino, Admin Assistant Rosanne McClafin, Mike Donovan-Country Journal, Bob Daly, Gene Watters, John Foley, Wilma Foley, Judith Delasandro, Annette LaMountain, Ron Ouimette, Terry Murphy, Craig Boyer, Kathy Engwer

- I. Chairman Baldasaro motioned to called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. July 24, 2017.**
- II. Minutes from July 10, 2017 meeting were approved and signed**
- III. Warrants were approved and signed.**
- IV. 2018 Appointments:** Clerk Senecal motioned to appoint Richard Holzman and Michael Hickson to The Planning Board, Vice-Chairman Huntoon seconded-unanimous, appointments made as read.

Clerk Senecal motioned to re-appoint current Veterans Agent, Steve Connor, Vice-Chairman Huntoon seconded-unanimous.
- V. Comcast renewal:** notification of pending contract renewal, BOS recommend waiting for build out to be complete for renegotiation. Skyline, Holcomb, Higgins and Bromley have been prepared and released for construction-service should be available there by end of summer. Comcast asked if there is an event they can attend to provide information to residents, Littleville Fair as suggested. Vice-Chairman Huntoon proposed a public meeting. Bob Daly questioned how inclusive the on-going construction is, Chairman Baldasaro noted Comcast to available to 98% of population by deadline of August 2018. Excluding Round Hill and Kinnebrook Roads.
- VI. Road Inventory Review:** Admin Asst McClafin was unable to print new road inventory from MassDOT, McClafin to review and compile information to add any Town accepted road not included in state inventory. Discussion of road ownership upon abolishment of ‘County Gov’t’. Discussion led to Highway issues, due to McClafin’s oversight to request Superintendent Murray to attend 7/24 meeting, Clerk Senecal noted Superintendent Murray should be present at least once a month, Bob Daly suggested adding attendance requirement in Superintendent job description to “as requested, no less than once a month”. Chairman

Baldasaro noted that in “the mean-time” issues to be addressed include; mowing, E. River Rd. potholes, Smith Rd/Kinnebrook Rd/Maynard Rds. grading and or materials added. Chairman Baldasaro related Superintendent Murray’s concern for condition of grader- possible transmission issues. Discussion followed regarding prior maintenance and issues with this equipment. Clerk Senecal and Vice-Chairman Huntoon asked about road side mowing, Admin Asst McClafin noted Steve Cooper had received license to operate boom mower 7/19/2017 and began mowing. Clerk Senecal commented that the Board needs to re-evaluate requirement for Superintendent attendance, would like more “hands-on” information and updates, Chairman Baldasaro reiterated the oversight of the Highway Department is Murray’s job-not the job of the BOS, and expects to see progress on all issues brought to H.D attention. Discussion followed regarding H.D., “summer help” and Chapter 90 projects.

Clerk Senecal requested additional “No Parking” signs from Town Hall Theater be placed during performances near local residences.

VII. Corrected minutes from 6/26 to reflect “Historical Commission” opposed to “Historical Society”

VIII. Town Administrator-Pat Carlino: Herbology Group continuing pursuit of license for medical marijuana facility. Vice-Chairman Huntoon noted the process took approximately 1 year in Westfield.

Discussion of requested increase for police, noted that all salaries were agreed to be level funded for Fiscal 2018.

Smith Rd update-MIIA to pay one half of engineering costs/ Keith’s to pay other half for determination of repair needs to Smith Rd/Keith property. Superintendent Murray to review proposed repairs. Board recommendation to wait for additional documentation from attorney.

Chairman Baldasaro announced the award of Community Block Grant for Hampden Street water line and repaving and Prospect St and Soisalo Rd engineering study. Bob Daly asked if there was a target completion date- Clerk Senecal noted permitting process, DEP approval etc. will likely cause project delay until spring of 2018.

IX. Citizen Comments:

Kathy Engwer requested the Board provide release of easement for property for sale on Ed Lebleau Rd. The question regarding ownership of “The Beacon” and easement for right-of-way causing refusal of title insurance to insure for buyers. Ms. Engwer provided documentation and research regarding deeds for said property. Chairman Baldasaro suggested attorney draft release of easement based on deed references BOS will arrange to review and sign release.

Clerk Senecal asked when Huntington will meet again for school budget review, additional discussion of school budget and meeting attendance. Suggestion for increased public participation in meetings.

Chairman Baldasaro motioned to adjourn the meeting, Vice-Chairman Huntoon seconded-unanimous, meeting adjourned 7:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Rosanne McClafin

John Baldasaro – Chairman

Barbara Huntoon – Vice-Chairman

Rene Senecal – Clerk

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AUGUST 7, 2017