

TOWN OF CHESTER
Board of Selectmen/Water commissioners/Conservation
commission/Zoning board of appeals

Minutes
January 12, 2015

Chairman Baldasaro opened the meeting at 605 p.m.

Minutes of December 22, 2014 signed, warrants signed.

1. Highway Superintendent Search: 5 applications have been received. The Selectmen have a packet of all 5. Selectmen will look and get back to Pat as to whom they each would want to interview. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 21, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for interviews. This will be the only item scheduled for that meeting.
2. Erica Johnson, PVPC: Public Hearing 6:15 p.m.
The public hearing was called due to the excess funds from CDBG grant Projects, including Maple St., Maple Ave. and Healthy Homes funds. The monies, around \$108,000, will be turned back to the Housing Regional Rehab Grant project. This should allow for approximately four -five housing grants. Diane Dunn, of 110 Middlefield Rd., asked if the monies could be used for sidewalks, but this would not be acceptable under this particular grant. She offered to help Erica with grants, etc. Erica will send a couple of pamphlets about the program to Pat.
3. Carl Baldasaro: Used Car license. Don moved to approve. Frank 2nd. John abstained due to conflict. Unanimous approval.
4. Cummins maintenance agreement for generator: the Selectmen felt that this was an unnecessary expense and declined to sign it.
5. Don Ellershaw asked if we could contact Sen. Kulick's office and have him attend a meeting regarding funding for East River Rd. in February. Pat will call for 2/9 meeting.
6. Highway concerns: Steve Cooper attended the meeting and answered questions regarding the truck repairs, plowing procedures, etc. Dirt roads were a problem in that they can't be plowed when soft, making it a little more difficult to navigate. Mr. John Hope was in attendance to complain that he could not get his mail. The Selectmen were sorry, but it is out of their hands as to what the Post Office does. Frank Pero suggested another winter helper to Steve if needed.

7. Water meters: it is felt we need to start looking for another back up for Art, who takes care of the water meters. Pat will look into finding someone.
8. Chester Historical Society asked permission to use Chester Town Hall for their 2015 Penny Social 4/17/15-4/18/15 and their 2015 Snowflake Holiday Craft fair 11/6/15 – 11/7/15. Approved.

Town Administrator

Pat reported that 2016 budget requests are out.

Results from Timber Sale: After marketing budget, and payment to Town of Becket, net proceeds will be \$33,456.72.

CMELD would like permission to add another bulletin board to the outside of Town Hall. The town clerk feels there is not enough room in the existing bulletin board to accommodate items that are not really “legal” postings. Approved.

Governor’s letter announcing release of Ch. 90 additional funds. This means \$118,106 to the Town of Chester.

Cultural council grant from the State for 2015 approved and signed.

Various invoices for PVPC ongoing projects approved and signed.

Another PVPC Healthy Homes grant approved.

Citizens comments:

Ed Meecham questioned bridge on George Miller Rd, Steve Cooper to check out.

John Hope, Johnson Hill ‘slick”, plowed but did not plow Abbott Rd.

Also feels Highway Dept. should not be using “Monster Plow”, tears up the roads, leaves ruts. Needs rollers, or skid plates, or something.

Don moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Frank 2nd. Unanimous.

Next meeting Wednesday, 1/21/15 (for interviews of Highway superintendent only)

Next Regularly scheduled meeting: Monday, January 26, 2015 6:00
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino
Town Administrator

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Donald Ellershaw, Vice Chairman

Frank Pero, Jr., Clerk

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