

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
February 17, 2015**

Chairman John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Minutes 2/4/15 were signed. Warrants were signed.

1. Ed Meecham questioned status of the trucks.

John Murray reported the following:

1. The Internation transmission is bad. He has a call into Addison. The warranty may still be in place. There was much discussion about lug nuts, lubrication, chains being a problem, was routine repairs being done. Hard to tell. They are working at maintenance , oil changes, etc. Got it to start,then it wouldn't. It was due back in the garage on Thursday.

Mach truck: Back in shop. Needed springs, lug nuts. Rim is cracked. T. Engwer will work on all 4 wheels. \$1,000 parts and labor. Hope to get through the season with it.

550: Transmission gone. 2001 (110,000 mi). Sander too heavy, plow too big & too far out. Will take off new stuff, put old back on, \$6,200 to repair.

John would suggest that we try to purchase a new (used) 2015 F550 with 9.5" plow, Fischer polycast sander, automatic drive. We may be able to use Chapter 90 monies, but it needs to go out to bid, etc. John and pat will work on Chapter 90 funds. In the meantime he will check with owner to see if we can use truck until purchase (knowing it has to go out to bid). Possibly we can sell Mach truck for approximately \$20,000 to help. Then we will have to go to ATM for authorization to borrow bigger truck (specs as presented). (Approximately \$200,000),

Lyon Hill Rd is a mess. John M. has had to use his truck as well this winter.

2007 350 not too good either. Changed oil an filters today.

Frank Pero interjected to let everyone know he was doing some plowing for John Murray in his business, as well.

John will contact Sarat Ford tonight regarding the new F550 and using it until payment.

Pat and John will work with Kathy Stevens to see what can be done.

Pat to all White engineering for 3/9 meeting with Kulick (now postponed until 3/23).

Frank asked if we could do some cost analysis at the school. Don suggested that the schools were doing that already, as well as looking at shared services.

Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, 3/9/15.

Mike Hickson asked about by-law regarding people shoveling their own sidewalks on Route 20. Can we fine them. Problem is we have no mechanism for collecting. Pat will see about putting article in Country Journal and on website.

6:28 p.m. John moved to adjourn. Don 2nd. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Carlino

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Donald Ellershaw, Vice chairman

Frank Pero, Jr., Clerk

2/17/15