

**TOWN OF CHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/WATER COMMISSIONERS/ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

**MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2015**

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Warrants signed.

1. John Murray, Highway: John gave an overview of what the highway department has been working on. Some potholes. Waiting for plant to open, has been too cold. Will get up to Kinney Brook sometime this week, lots of trees down, etc. Will need work. He has spoken to Shirley. Part time Admin Asst. question: do you want highway super to be out on the road? Yes Don Ellershaw moved to add a part time highway admin asst. to the budget for 2016, and to advertise contingent upon town meeting funding. Frank P. seconded. Unanimous. Don wanted it understood that should no one qualified apply, we do not need to hire. International has broken spring. Sent for repairs. Mach also has broken spring. Sent out. Truck borrowing: discussion of need. Possibly .40 on tax rate? Fin Com did not yet consider as it was not yet in budget. John M. will gather information on repair work so far this year, which should justify expenditure. After FY 2016 Chapter 90 funds, and expenditures for Skyline Trail and Lyon Hill, we should have approximately \$300,000 + left. Question: do we do another road (Johnson Hill) or save it all until we have enough to do the rest of Skyline. After discussion, it was decided to put in for approval for Johnson Hill. Pat reported that cost to be approximately \$132,000 (it really is \$157,000). Then save the rest to go towards finish of Skyline. John M. was asked to obtain various prices for other ways to finish Johnson Hill. Will have paperwork ready to sign next meeting.
2. Don moved to appoint Brandon LaBrie as new police officer. Frank P. seconded. John B. abstained.
3. Owners of 30 William St. in to talk about Zoning Board decision. John informed them that at this point, a decision was made, the decision has been filed with the town clerk, and if they need to appeal they need to see her.
4. The "treasurer's cash audit" done by Tom Scanlon & Associates was presented. There were no issues detected. We should discuss having a full audit done for FY 2015. FY 12 is the last one done. Pat will call.
5. Response from "Revive Chester". John would like to arrange to have an executive meeting regarding this project at our next meeting. Pat to

check out legality, and if appropriate, arrange for executive meeting on May 11th.

6. There is a vacancy at the Transfer Station for a Senior Work off person. A Linda David Gifford has applied. Seletmen are ok with this as long as she meets the criteria as set forth from the Assessors office.
7. Chester Theatre Agreement: The Theatre group has submitted an agreement for FY 2016 for signature. No changes from 2015. John moved to sign, Don 2nd. Unanimous.
8. Inspector of animals: This is a state appointment and needs to be done before May 1st. John moved to appoint Terry Donovan, Frank P 2nd. Don abstained.
9. Mr. Girourd presented a petition signed by residents on East River Road regarding the road conditions. John explained that the Board understands their frustration, and are waiting for the state funds to be released. As our engineering plans are done, we should be first in line. John asked that Pat send a letter to the Governor, Senator & Reps. With a copy of the petition asking for their support and swift action.
10. Selectmen signed the letter of support for the Town of Chester Historical Society grant application
11. Selectmen signed various PVPC notices of invoices.
12. Selectmen okayed state applications for parade routes for Chester on Track and Memorial Day parade.

At this time (6:55 p.m.) the board moved to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting to come back when it was over to adjourn their meeting.

The Board gathered back at 8:10 p.m. John moved to adjourn the meeting, Frank 2nd. Unanimous.

Next regular scheduled meeting May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Carlino
Town Administrator

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Donald Ellershaw, Vice Chairman

Frank Pero, Jr., Clerk