

**Town of Chester**  
**Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners/Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Minutes**  
**June 8, 2015**

1. John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Warrants signed  
Minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup> approved.
  
2. 6:05 p.m. Public hearing opened for PVPC. Erica Johnson attended  
Erica reported that the Maple Ave/Maple St. project is done, and came in under budget including replacing one hydrant. Also, the Healthy Homes Grant is being closed out. That too came in under budget. The monies left over from both projects have been combined into a Housing Rehab program. Don Ellershaw asked about the possibility of using some of those monies for an elevator. John B. asked about program income, and could that be used. Erica said at this time no, but there may be something in the future. She will also look into ADA compliance issues and put together a priority list. Pat will follow up.
  
3. John Murray: Highway: Have been working on Skyline, doing tree work, dug 2 graves, the plow was painted, week whacking, Grading at Abbott Hill., trailer being delivered for roller on 6/16. Administrative Assistant proposed position: We have received 5 applications. John and Pat will interview and have recommendations (2 or 3) for the Selectmen On 6/22 to interview.  
Don asked about plans for Skyline to keep road in repair until monies are available again through Chapter 90. John will check on crack sealing, etc., and talk to Becket. They use fill with blacktop.
  
4. Annual town Meeting: Selectmen looked over warrant for familiarity with truck articles, and any questions that may come up at meeting. John asked for details on “double axle” truck as well to compare with the single axle proposed. John M. will provide information to John before the meeting. Pat will try to get info about transportation costs from last year. Some discussion regarding school articles.
  
5. Approval of research student: Approval to allow Ian Madiera to conduct his soil study provided he stops in and signs a liability release.
  
6. Discussion of Veteran’s Agent position. Mr. Salvani has declined appointment to the position next year. Pat will follow up on joining with another regional agency and report back.

7. John moved, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, to sign the "Request for Dismissal" to the Hampden Superior Court on the Appeal filed by the owners of 30 William St against the decision voted at the 5/23/15 Zoning Board Appeals hearing. Unanimous
  
8. Scholarships: There were 5 applications each for the Franklin Hamilton Scholarship fund and the Steinhard Fund. Don E. made a motion that \$1,000 each from the Franklin Hamilton Scholarship fund be awarded to Charlotte LeBarron, Aliisa Cooper, John Lahue, Spencer Rock and Sarah Otterbeck. John B. seconded. Unanimous.  
Don E. made a motion that \$500.00 be awarded to Charlotte LeBarron, who had the highest GPA. Frank Pero seconded. Unanimous.  
On a question, all three Selectmen ascertained they had no recipients within their lineage.
  
9. Town Administrator: Selectmen approved Pat's attendance at the Collector/Treasurer conference 6/15, 6/16, 6/17 and also approved her attendance at a meeting in Boston on 6/9.  
Appointments will be done on 6/22/15

Frank Pero stated he had run into Bernie St. Martin, who explained that Tom Engwer had shut down the leak. John asked for information of who was in charge of Landry property for contacting.

7:10: John B. moved to adjourn. Don E 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.  
Next regularly scheduled meeting 6 22 15

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino  
Town Administrator

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John Baldasaro, Chairman

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Donald Ellershaw, Vice Chairman

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Frank Pero, Jr.