

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

**Minutes**

**November 9, 2015**

In the audience at beginning of meeting: Ed Meecham, John Murray, Mike Hickson, Gene Watters, Bernie St. Martin.

6:00 pm Chairman Ellershaw opened the meeting. John Baldasaro was not in attendance. Minutes of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were signed. Warrants were signed.

1. Bernie St. Martin, Water Department: Bernie explained what had been done at the Treatment Plant over the last few weeks, painting, etc. His recommendations for further work include a new roof on the upper gatehouse, and a catwalk around the building to allow the ability to work without worry of falling, etc.. He will obtain three prices for both of these projects and get back to the board. Then in the spring that building can be painted also. Also had work done to generator and that seems to be working out well.

Don asked about Bernie's retirement plans. Bernie explained that at this time he was not planning on retirement, but that in the meantime he is training his wife Noreen, who has her T1 license, and is going for her T2 license to be his backup. (See letter from Town of Blandford) In addition, Noreen's daughter is also in training. Don would like Bernie to look at trying to "intern" a new body. Bernie said his being in three different towns presented somewhat of a problem as far as scheduling an intern, and in addition anyone who worked in the plant needs to have at least a T1 license. We will continue to explore the future of an intern.

Will be shifting over to Horn Pond tomorrow, 11/10/15. No electrical needed, gravity fed. There may be a need to have the dam looked at. Will work with Pat to find someone.

2. Bay State Forestry: Letter from Lincoln Fish asking for extension on the contract for Gutchess Lumber Company. Don did not want to sign at this time because the verbage contained the acknowledgement that the total amount of \$42,783.00 had been paid to town and it has not. Pat will check with Mr. Fish and board can address at meeting on 11/23.
3. John Murray: Highway Dept. Work list attached to these minutes. Discussion of complaint We received from Ms. Joyce Keith regarding Smith Rd. property and the Highway Department After discussion, the Board requested Pat to ask Ms. Keith to come in to the Board of discuss the issues to see if they can be resolved.

Question as to tree cutting on Bromley Rd. Eversource had approval from fire Chief.

Excavator troubles. Got one price on repairs. The Board asked John to get a second opinion.  
Grader needs work also.  
Don suggested John M. e-mail Mestic for estimate on heating system for salt shed.

Advertisement for seasonal Snow plowers/vendors sent to Country Journal.

Don asked about School budget if we do not pass. Is it 1/12 of FY 15 or FY 16? Pat to find out.

Barbara and Pat will both research the law regarding telephone conference calling, just as a "be prepared" caution.

Board gave approval to Pat for "2017 budget memorandum.

Pat informed the Board that she and Don E. will be meeting with a grants writer on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, in addition to PVPC in regards to the possibility of a "Brownfields Grant" project.

Board gave approval for Pat to attend a MCTA conference on the 18<sup>th</sup>. She will have the office open on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> instead.

Citizens comments;

Ed Meecham wanted to know what the STM was for. Sovereign Rd. spending lots of money on turnaround. Why? Any millings left? Has Kathy Stevens come to measure the depth on Skyline Trail yet? We need to look at the specs to see how much we took and then how much went in. Ditches are full of millings on Skyline. Bromley Rd. Needs line painting. Brush cutting? Ed did some himself, cleaned out around sign.

Barbara moved that the meeting adjourn, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carlino  
Town Administrator

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Donald Ellershaw, Chairman

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John Baldasao, Vice Chairman

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Barbara Huntoon