

## **Town of Chester Selectmen/Water Commissioners/Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2019**

Barbara opened the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Barbara and John signed meeting minutes of 3/25/2019,4/29/2019. Discussion and signing of warrants.

### **New Business**

Discuss and vote to approve letter to go to the State for ratification of May 4, 2019 Annual Town Election – Barbara read the letters that were drawn up for Senator Hinds and Representative Blais. John read the following, provided by Town Counsel Thomas Mullen

*We, the Board of Selectmen move to request special legislation from the General Court in substantially the following form, as authorized by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Chester on June 10, 2019:*

***Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:***

***SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the town of Chester at the annual town election held on May 4, 2019 and all actions taken pursuant thereto are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the notice for the town election had been given by a warrant in full compliance with law.***

***SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.***

*Provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, the Selectmen having been authorized by the said Town Meeting vote to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.*

*Motion made by John, seconded by Barbara. All voted in favor.*

### **Old Business** - Barbara read the following letters

- Letter from the Assessors to the Massachusetts Attorney General office questioning the legality of non-funding the Assessors and the Assistant Assessor positions.
- Resignation from Norma MacDonald, her last day would be June 30,2019
- Resignation from Peter Stroganow, his last day would be June 29,2019

A discussion followed on how to attract residents and people to positions and committees in Chester.

**Dept & Committee updates** – John asked Kathe to place an ad in the Country Journal, the website and Berkshire Jobs for filling the new DPW position.

**Town Administrator update:** Kathe asked Barbara and John to review the additional language to the Consumer Confidence Report. Jenna Day of RCAP solutions had suggested to add to the report about the grants the town received over the last ten years for upgrading the water lines and that the Town had hired RCAP to help assist with the water quality issues.

Barbara said she would like to change the Select Board meetings back to twice a month - the second and fourth Monday of the month - for the summer as has been the tradition. John made a motion to change the meetings to the second and fourth Monday of the month for July and August starting July 1, 2019. Barbara seconded the motion; all voted aye.

Barbara made the motion to adjourn at 6:15pm, John seconded the motion; all voted aye.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Warden

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Barbara Huntoon Chair

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John Baldasaro Vice Chair

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Vacancy – Clerk

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