



TOWN OF CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER COMMISSIONERS & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
15 MIDDLEFIELD RD
CHESTER MA 01011

Monday June 22, 2020 at 6:00pm

Open meeting, (not an Executive Session)

Signing of warrants, no minutes.

Selectboard Members Present: John Baldasaro, Rich Holzman, Barbara Huntoon

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82 Section 22, notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will meet remotely on June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to consider and vote upon whether to lay out as an extension of a public way a portion of William Street shown as "Parcel A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land to Be Gifted to the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, Massachusetts" by Salvini Associates dated May 9, 2016 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 388, Page 108, a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk of Chester. Rich Holzman made a motion to accept the plan filed at Registry of Deeds and accept the gift of land for a turnaround at end of Williams Street. Barbara seconded and all vote aye.

#1 Continuation of Discussion and possible vote to award refuse and recycling hauling bids – Liz Massa informed Selectboard that Wickles has agreed to do away with the container rental fee on the scrap metal but not the hauling charge. The bid from Kane has neither rental or hauling charges and will pay the town 65% of the daily rate for scrap metal. Suggested the Town use Wickles for everything but the scrap metal. Rich made a motion and Barbara seconded. All voted aye.

#2 Discussion about Chester Employee Manual; any edits or revisions that are needed. Kathe would like Selectboard to review and send any changes, so that the changes can be made and Selectboard can vote at the meeting on July 6, 2020.

#3 Update on J & J property – Town attorney has forwarded all documents pertaining to this property to a more qualified law firm. Town is advised to stop sending tax bill to J&J Properties.



#4 Update on Finance Team meeting from Town Administrator – First team meeting was held. Team includes Treasurer, Accountant, Tax Collector, Finance Committee and Town Administrator. The team's goal is to meet every two weeks. The goal is to have free cash certified by December 15, 2020, with plans to have it done sooner next year.

Highway Department Update – In Corey Sparks' absence, the Selectboard asked a number of questions on progress being made on the roads and came to the decision that Corey needs to attend Selectboard meetings on Monday nights to give a weekly update. Questions were asked about where we are on the Chapter 90 project on Bromley Rd., what are the other scheduled paving projects, why have no pot holes been filled and status of grading the dirt roads. With a four-person crew on board now there should be signs of good progress and Selectboard needs to know why there are not.

Annual Town Meeting Update – In order to adhere to social distancing protocols, handouts will be placed on chairs that are set up 6 ft. apart. Town Hall is set up for 60-65 people. Check-in will be out front, and masks will be available and required to attend the meeting. Kathe also asked about moving the posting board at the church on Skyline Trail closer to building where it can be seen better. Jason Forgue spoke up that he feels we should have a contingency plan for town meeting in case the crowd is larger than the town hall can hold during COVID-19. The plan is to move outside to the parking lot across the street from Town Hall if necessary but the general consensus was that we would not need to move.

Public Comments and questions

Jason Forgue – mentioned that the Highway had not made it to the water lines at the ballfield yet. He understands they are busy but would still like this to happen.

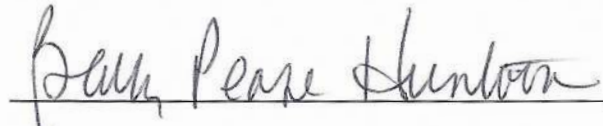
Meeting adjourned 6:30

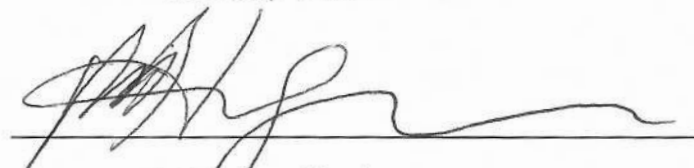
Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen A Engwer




John Baldasaro, Chairman


Barbara Huntoon, Vice Chairman


Richard Holzman, Clerk