



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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Monday, July 3, 2023

Open meeting—This meeting was held at the Chester Town Hall, in the COA room with a virtual option.

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro and Andy Sutton. Town Hall staff present included Administrative Assistant Terry Donovan, Finance Committee member Andy Myers, Water Commissioners Bob Daley and Tom Bean, Town Collector Mary Ann Pease, Jane Sutton, Jason and Brian Forgue, Highway Super Chip Dazelle. Also present were Rich Holzman, Liz Massa, Nick Chuisano, Craig Gauthier, and Paul Lischetti from Hilltown CDC.

John opened the meeting at 6:00pm, warrants, minutes and all correspondence were signed.

- **Chip Dazelle Highway Superintendent update:**

See notes attached. Also paving to begin in August, Olin Ave, Western View, Birch Hill, Prospect, Middlefield Rd. Bridge on main street, still waiting on answers from Mass DOT. Rich Holzman questioned the Abbott Hill Rd culvert and parts of Ingall rd need mowing, Chip said July is Mow month. Interns are done, need to find out what equipment they can use will check with MIIA.

- **Paul Lischetti- Hilltown CDC**

Closing on financing, ownership of the building changes to a LLC. There are 4 papers that need to be signed by the selectboard and some require a notary. Emailed to Tow Mullins and to Don. Don was not at this meeting, so we did not have the documents.

Jason Forgue stated now would be a good time to check the lease and fix discrepancies. Also there have been ongoing tenant issues regarding the propping open of a fire door. Paul was under the understanding that the problem had been rectified.

Rich Holzman asked why this renovation has been taking so long. Paul said this was a pretty standard time frame 2-4 years is typical.

Selectboard will get the papers and sign after looking over.

- **Water Department**

The ENR with Blandford has been signed.

2 Water main breaks during the construction on Prospect st but found 9 residents fed by that pipe that they didn't know before.



Welcome to Nick Chuisano onto the board. Many thanks to Lyle Snide for his tremendous help on the water dept. and planning board and the many other positions he has been involved in. Lyle will be continuing to help the water dept in a consultant kind of way.

- **CMELD**

Diane has made a request for a defibrillator to be purchased for the Town Garage. Suggesting purchase money come from ARPA fund. Yes, selectboard agreed to that.

- **Public Comments**

ARPA reporting requirements Jason will send to Andy Sutton.

Andy Myers stated that \$14000 of ARPA money is not committed at this moment. The Generator quote is higher than what was expected. Jason suggested talking to John Van Heinagan about updating the existing generator. Nick stated it has to run the elevator, so it needs to be a big generator.

Andy Myers gave the water agreement to the town clerk to file.

Terry Donovan asked permission to seek out a company that will come in and map the cemeteries so we can get a handle on what plots are still open. Also, we are looking for a grave marker that Smith monuments said was delivered to Brian at Pine Hill but has not found. The cemetery commissioner is now walking the cemeteries searching for it. Selectboard said yes get quotes.

John made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Andy seconded, all voted aye.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm



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Respectfully Submitted



Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

7/10/23

Date Signed



John Baldasaro, Chairman

Date Signed

Vice Chairman

Date Signed



Andy Sutton, Clerk

7/17/23

Date Signed