



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

Open meeting—This meeting is 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 Don Humason, Terry Donovan, Lyle Snide, Bob Daley, Tom Bean, Mary Ann Pease, Kiresen Broman, Jane Sutton, William Broman, Muriel and Keith Hall, Andy Myers, Norma McDonald, Jason and Brian Fogue, Avril Willemain, Craig Gauthier, Rosanne McLaughlin, Rich Holzman, Electric Light Commissioners, Deryk Savoy, Terry Murphy, Duane Pease, Dianne Hall And Rosanne McClaffin

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

- **Chip Dazelle**

**See notes attached**

-Trying to get caught up

-Rich questioned cutting trees, Chip said they will check on when the guys are available

- Avril questioned Prospect St , Chip said when construction done, they will put a skim coat of tar on it, cannot patch it anymore, waiting for blacktop price to come down.

- **CMELD**

Deryck Savoy-Discussion on costs for the billing clerk between water and electric and how to move forward. Right now, Ro is spending about 230 hours a year on water dept duties. These 230 hours are funded by CMELD rate payers and Ro also gets paid a small stipend (1000.00) from the water dept. How and when can they transition the 230 hours from the CMELD side to come out of the water dept budget.

John- How is the 230 hours broken down.

Deryck-Ro does both jobs simultaneously, has kept notes on each office and how much time she spends on each office. And right now, she is getting paid by CMELD for water duties.

Wants to build into water budget to fund these 230 hours.

Translates to 20 hours a month/ 5 hours a week so approximately \$5000.00 a year. Stipend right now from water is \$1000.00.

Ro- Very hard to separate hours

Andy Myers- Change is needed



We can continue with the same system we have now or Ro separate out the hours for each dept.

Water dept needs some admin help ultimate solution is to separate it out from CMELD, even into another office for 4 hours a week

Ro -estimating the hours impossible to keep track of

John -What do CMELD want to do?

Deryck- requests water dept to build into their budget funding to cover those hours

Ro- they are two separate enterprises, wants fair compensation, would want to stay doing water but not at current rate, since water became an enterprise fund, they have been splitting out office supplies

Bob Daley- should continue for now allowing the water and electric commissioners to meet and discuss further, set a date to meet.

John- CMELD and Water Dept should get together and decide the proper path to take

Deryck- Meet with Water dept at next meeting in July 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July

- **Water Dept Update**

-Meeting with Blandford still not sure what they will do about grant sign it or not.

-Carbon Grant- \$50,000 a year for carbon filter, filters are \$250,000 When carbon filters done before never saw any difference, if can't get more money will not do carbon filter.

-Engineering study- still going forward, do not know if will be able to stop water testing yet

-Watershed Management bids

Kennebec Lumber Greenfield NH- \$37,518.50

Dutchess, Cortland NY- \$52,810.00

Allard Lumber Brattleboro VT-\$54,386.00

Water Commissioners accepted Allard Lumber Bid

Don will notify the non-accepted bidders.

- **Town Clerk**

Gave list of Appointment requests to selectboard.

Andy Sutton made a motion to accept all appointments except the COA appointment.

John seconded.

Don is to get in touch with both COA appointment applicants to interview, since Ann Daley was not present.

- **BOH**

1 Crane Rd issues- Judge wants fines reduced by 50%

John made a motion to delay 50% of the fines until sale of property

Andy seconded it

All in favor.

- **Town Administrator update**

-Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> is meet the Candidate at 7:00 in the auditorium

-requesting approval to grant Hamilton and Stienhart scholarships



John made a motion Andy seconded , approving to award scholarships.

-requested approval of Hampden County Retirement raise of 2%

John made a motion, Andy seconded, all approved.

Mobile Market coming?

What does the town get in return?

Traffic concern, Muriel Hall said they asked the train station but Dave was not open to it.

Don to call CDC to get more details, Contract? Times? How many?

John made a motion to adjourn; Andy seconded.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm

## Select board meeting 6/20/23

More patching on Skyline ✓

Culverts installed on Johnson hill black top next month w/ Bromley rd

Start patching Blandford Road ✓

Mowing on Johnson hill started Skyline there are other roads w/ electric


Strap grant is submitted

Cut up trees on town hall steps from mini theater

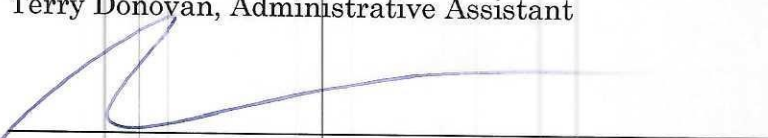


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Respectfully Submitted

  
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Terry Donoyan, Administrative Assistant

7/19/23  
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Date Signed

  
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John Baldasaro, Chairman

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Date Signed

  
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Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

7/31/23  
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Brian Forgue, Clerk

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