



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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**Monday, July 17, 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 , Brian Forgue and Andy Sutton. Also present Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Ann Daley, Bob Daley, Craig Gauthier, Henry Fristik, Keirson Broman, Wilma and John Foley, Rich Holzman, Little fair representatives, Avril Willimain Paul Lischetti, Liz Massa, Jason Forgue and Chip Dazelle.

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

- **Police Dept update:**

SGT Frank Murphy reported that they have hired three new officers. Some are just flaggers but will have a radio and have completed CPR and Traffic officer courses.

- **Chip Dazelle Highway Superintendent update:**

-Fire chief, Chip, Jill meeting with MEMA rep Scott just to exchange numbers/ contact info.

-Fill in person for Jill while out on maternity leave, Chip will check with Jill and see if she want FEMA/MEMA coverage

-Sylvester Hamilton washout will be fixed tomorrow

-Mowing will resume as soon as mower gets fixed.

-Keith Orr Bromley Rd asked if Chip has a list of projects/ things they are doing for the week and can it be listed on the web site? Chip said he does have a weekly list but things change sometimes daily due to weather/ equipment etc.

Jason Forgue said it to be a shareable document so it can be updated as discussed before Chip was here.

- **Paul Lischetti- Hilltown CDC**

Pual was here to get the signed documents and notarized.

-They are putting in a partial septic system so vehicles can ride over it during construction.

- Looks like parking will be OK until the theater is done in August then they will use the school parking lot if needed



- **Fire Chief update:**

Chief Fristik is bringing the needs of the fire dept. to the selectboards attention

- Car 1 – no inspection sticker needs to come out of service
- Rescue 2 Rusting out needs to come out of service
- Tanker 1 is the only vehicle with a current inspection sticker
- Tanker 2 has not be operable for two years
- No exhaust systems at either station
- Mold issues in the basement
- Station 2 needs another bay
- All turn out gear expires this year only enough money for 2 sets
- Desperately need a new tanker

Andy Myers said to check rates for loans, Chief Fristik to try to come up with temporary solutions.

Chief Fristik stated we need to combine asap with Blandford, both towns in bad shape, merger with Blandford doubles the call volume , grants increasewill check with Public Safety Building Loans to cover some building costs.

- **Town Administrators update:**

- Elevator broke two times in the past week.
- Dirt Road grant- PVPC still working on it, Once it is all paid some reimbursements should be coming in
- Novus sent out an introduction email, transition from NEIT to Novus should be done by the end of July, Novus will also help with upgrading Comcast Business
- 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 is 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*

Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

*8/21/23*

Date Signed

*John Baldasaro*

John Baldasaro, Chairman

*8/28/23*

Date Signed

*Andy Sutton*

Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

Date Signed

*Brian Forgue*

Brian Forgue, Clerk

*8/28/23*

Date Signed