



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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**Monday, September 11, 2023**

Open meeting—This meeting was held in the Chester Town Hall Auditorium with a virtual option.

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro, Brian Fogue, and Andy Sutton. Also present Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Bob Daley, Ann Daley, Rich and Shelly Holzman, Jessica Sakaske, April Willemain, Jane Sutton, Keirsen Broman, Chief Dubiel, Chip Dazelle, Jessica Slatcher, Rosanne M., Mary Ann Pease, Nick, Chuisano, Henry Fristik and Don Humason.

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

- **Chip Dazelle Highway Superintendent update:**

See notes attached. Chip also addressed the concerns he has with the Prospect street project, The grade is off, water flows under the culvert not thru it, there is a large hole that needs to be covered with a grate, John Marcoulier said he can make one, Grates , guard rails all need to be done before winter.

Don to get in touch with the engineer and PVPC, need to have a meeting with everyone , Chip to call Dave Stokes for help also.

Brian thanked Chip for help at the cemetery and asked when is tree cutting going to happen, Chip will call ridgeline and see what the schedule is.

Ann Daley said there is a dead tree at the church also.

Bob Daley said his road Andrews Ave needs to be paved, was number one priority back in 2006 and never has been done , why? Chip said he will look at the road again but it is not as bad as others in town.

Chip mentioned contract services budget line is up, Andy Myers said we will need to refresh contract services, John Baldasaro agreed and stated we knew we would have to put more in that account.

Chip said Paul is out on Short term disability, looking to hire temp while he is out.

- **Chief Henry Fristik**

Found a fire truck in Alabama, Delivery end of October, on hold with a letter of intent.

John Baldasaro will need a town meeting to approve money needed.

Andy Myers suggested to call treasurer and see best way to handle , either loan, borrow from free cash, etc.

Chief also talked about getting land and building a new fire department next year, looking for grants to help, and regionalizing is the best way to get grant money.

Looking into bridge hydrants for the hill, had 4 new people volunteer .

Scheduled STM October 2, 2023 before BOS meeting.

- **Cemetery Commissioners**



Avril Willemain and Lyndsy McCaul want to be appointed as cemetery Commissioners. John made a motion to appoint them , Brian seconded.

Brian updated everyone on the repairs done to Eastman Fisk Cemetery on Bromley rd. Sherrif dept coming up to clear brush and repair and paint fence.

- **Town Administrator Report**

- Met with Andy Oleksak, Army corp of Engineers, Rep. from Paul Marks office, wants 11,000 ft of road built so he can access his logging area.

- Tae Kwon Do to start 9/12/23 every Tuesday and Thursday.

- Website is updated any errors contact Don or Terry.

- **Town Administrator Review**

DH- Don Humason, JB0 John Baldasaro, AS- Andy Sutton, BF- Brian Forgue

DH- had nice visits with AS and BF and discussed direction and what they want , feels it is going well, always room for improvement, Continues to be an adjustment period, needs to work on different areas, ie Human Resources

JB- How to fix the HR problem?

DH- maybe a combine HR person with a couple towns.

BF- HR is not a new issue still having problems, Dept. heads do not feel confident enough in Don that he will respond in a timely manner, dept. heads loop in the BOS because they feel Don will do something then, wants to know why Don is not taking additional initiative to learn more, same problems for over a year now, looking for more grant writing, is Don applying for more grants in the coming year?

Why is Don not here for posted office hours?

DH- List on door telling people where he can be reached if not at his desk,

JB- Not chained to his desk, he is fine with the note.

JB sees a common thread of not following thru on issues, Own it , follow thru, finish the issue.

Feels issues sit on his desk and do not get completed.

BF-Has general concerns, doubts issues will be resolved quick enough to be acceptable, has not seen improvement since last time.

Wants response quicker, email BOS keep them in the loop entire time.

Bob Daley- requested help with grants, Don has not responded.

JB- TA and dept heads handle day to day grants, larger grants we need help with.

Revisit review at next meeting.

- **Public Comment**

Bob Daley- water issue at old school.



Andy Sutton said its just condensation, will remove tiles need dehumidifier. Nick will shut off water soon.

Motion to Adjourn and go into Executive session, John- yes, Brian-yes, Andy-yes.

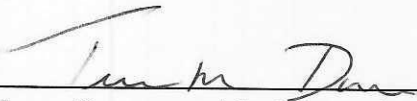
Motion to adjourn approved, proceeded to Executive session.



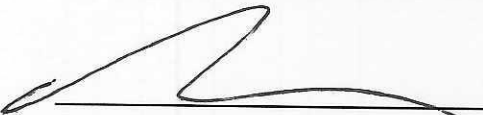


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Respectfully Submitted

  
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Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

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John Baldasaro, Chairman

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Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

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Brian Fogue, Clerk

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