



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
15 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD  
CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01011

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**Monday, October 16, 2023**

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

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro, Andy Sutton, and Brian Forgue. Town Hall staff present included Administrative Assistant Terry Donovan, Finance Committee member Andy Myers, Water Commissioner Bob Daley, Town Collector Mary Ann Pease, BOH Nick Chuisano and COA Director Kiersen Broman. Also attending Lori Fieldstead, Jan Sakaske, Don Bran, Jessica Slatcher, Avril Willemain, Jane Sutton, Varsha Hart, and O'Conner Hart.

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

- **Chip Dazelle Highway Superintendent update:**

Chip was not required to be present and sent in notes prior to the meeting , see attached.

- **Chief Henry Fristik**

Chief Fristik could not attend.

- **COA Director Keirsen Broman Report:**

Keirsen gave an update on added services to the COA, they have added on Wednesday lunches and a second day for the foot clinic .

There is a BP clinic scheduled and a flu/covid clinic scheduled.

Veterans luncheon is scheduled and Keirsen's serv safe training is in the works.

Keirsen would like to get rid of the older refrigerator , still works but does not need it. John suggested checking with the fire dept and highway to see if they need first.

Keirsen also had the nominations for the COA advisory board.

The nominees are Norma MacDonald, Marge Laurie, Terry Donovan, Gaeton Girard and Jane Sutton.

John made a motion to appoint Jane Sutton to the board, Brian seconded, Andy abstained.

John made a motion to appoint the rest of the list to the board, Andy seconded, all in favor.

- **Water Commission Update**

Bob Daley updated the board about the lead/copper samples were taken today, 52 hydrants are to be flushed, drained and cleaned 3 filters , will hopefully be able to switch to Austin Brook for water soon.



- **Finance Committee Update**

Andy Myers suggested scheduling the audit with the company of Tony Roselli  
Selectboard agreed to lock in with them for the audit.

- **Andy Sutton – Prospect St Construction discussion**

Probably not going to get paved this year. Cost may become an issue because of late paving.  
Fixing culvert by pouring concrete in to back it up so the water will go into the culvert.  
Working with Chip and Baltazar to get it complete.

- **Sgt. Frank Murphy**

Gave announcement that the Chester Police Dept has been awarded \$16,8000.00 in national Highway  
Traffic Safety Administration funds. Great Job Chief Dubiel!

- **Town Administrator Report**

Selectboard needs to pick a date for trick or treat, they agreed to Halloween night.

Selectboard to vote on having a meeting on 10/23/23 to get it back in line with warrant signing. Brian  
made the motion Andy seconded. Meeting approved for 10/23.

Brian asked about electronic signatures were able to be done, Don said Novus was checking into it

Brian asked about who pays for CJ notices, Don responded that legal notices we pay for , but press  
releases are no charge and anyone committee can put one in.

- **Public Comment**

Jan Sakaske asked about the charge on the water bill for people who have wells in the village, what does  
it mean?

Brian Fogue said that it was discussed at the Public meeting and it is to provide additional funding , in  
case of fires. A minimum rate per quarter.

Bob Daley said a fire district was established in 1913 and 9 houses and 1 commerical building are being  
charged.

Andy Myers it is for fire usage charge, for fire protection. Andy said each person should be handled on a  
separate basis, and if wondering if they are in the Fire District then they should contact the water  
commissioners and Fire Chief to see if they are in the fire district.

Bob Daley stated that if people want to appeal this charge then they are to contact Ro in the water  
department and she will start the appeal process and that they should attend the next water  
commissioners meeting and he will have a fire district map at that meeting, and that map is very clear  
where the fire district is.

Bob Daley asked about the generator issue at the town hall, Andy Sutton is talking with John Van  
Henigan about it.

Brian Fogue made a motion to wave the plumbing and fire permits for the CMELD generator, Andy  
Sutton seconded.



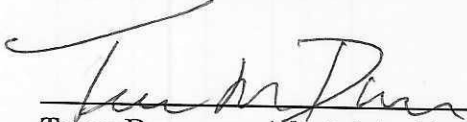
John Baldasaro made a motion to adjourn to Executive session at 6:50pm  
Andy Sutton agreed  
Brian Forgue agreed

Executive session followed  
John Baldasaro made a motion to adjourn Executive session at 7:10pm  
Andy Sutton and Brian Forgue also followed suit.




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Respectfully Submitted

  
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Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

10/23/23  
Date Signed

  
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John Baldasaro, Chairman

10/23/23  
Date Signed

  
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Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

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Date Signed

  
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Brian Forgue, Clerk

10/23/23  
Date Signed

## **Town Administrator**

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**From:** Chipper Dazelle  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 11:49 AM  
**To:** Richard Sutton; Town Administrator; Terry Donovan; John Baldasaro; Brian Forgue  
**Subject:** Highway updates

Hello all,

We have been putting up new signs still, patching potholes. Also, we have been working on Maynard hill across from the guard rails because the edge of the road is so bad. We had Beaver solutions put a temp fence on east river road to see what the activity is like, and they are active. We have got the Freightliner truck back and inspection sticker so that is ready to go now. The road lines have been painted. If you need anything else please let me know and I will keep you updated thanks

**Charles "chip" Dazelle**  
**Town of Chester Highway Superintendent**  
**Shop 1-413-354-2276 Cell 1-413-393-8946**

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**From:** Keirsen Broman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:09 PM  
**To:** baldasarojohn@gmail.com  
**Cc:** suttonrichard367@gmail.com; BForgue03@gmail.com; Town Administrator; Terry Donovan  
**Subject:** Nomination results

Hello everyone,

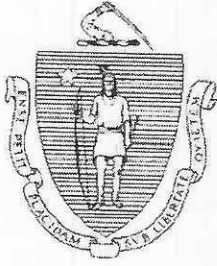
We had a successful day today with nominations during the Foot Clinic and also lunches. We just did the count and we got 19 nominations today.

The names and how many votes they got are as follows:

MaryAnn Pease:	2 votes
Terry Donovan:	6 votes*
Gaeton Girard:	3 votes*
Jane Sutton:	8 votes*
Elaine Gilmore:	1 vote
Marge Laurie:	3 votes*
Norma MacDonald:	3 votes*
John Vanheynigen:	1 vote

The names I have put stars next to are the people I think would be great for a spot on the COA Board. I will be dropping off the nominations and putting the envelope in one of the mail boxes upstairs.

Thank you  
Keirsen Broman  
COA Director



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MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 16, 2023

Chief Jennifer Dubiel  
Chester Police Department  
15 Middlefield Road  
Chester, Ma 01011

Dear Chief Jennifer Dubiel,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the **Chester Police Department** has been awarded **\$16,800.00** in **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** funds from the Office of Grants and Research (OGR) to support the *Municipal Road Safety Program*.

Additional correspondence, including all the documents necessary to execute this grant award will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Deinma Dikibo, OGR Program Coordinator at [deinma.dikibo3@mass.gov](mailto:deinma.dikibo3@mass.gov).

Once again, congratulations and thank you for the work you do to keep Massachusetts roads safe for everyone.

Sincerely,

Governor Maura T. Healey

Lt. Governor Kimberley Driscoll