



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
15 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
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Monday, October 23, 2023

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

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro, Brian Forgue, and Andy Sutton. Also present Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Bob Daley, Jessica Sakaske, Jane Sutton, Jessica Slatcher, Rosanne M., Mary Ann Pease, Nick, Chuisano, Jan Sakaske, Lori Fieldsted, Diane Hall, Tom Bean, Duane Pease and Don Humason. John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00pm, warrants, minutes and all correspondence were signed.

- **Bob Daley-Water Dept Update:**

Bob stated that he did not understand why he was at the meeting. There is not fire district map, he has a map of the water distribution system from 2006.

Tom Bean said to fill out appeal paperwork and come to the water dept meeting to discuss.

Brian Forgue said they need a policy as to why certain properties are being charged for water, there was miscommunication about how to appeal, no meeting time set and if can't provide a fire district map then how did they create rules for who qualifies?

Bob Daley said the Sept 6th meeting was posted on the website and the forum page, it was fully discussed at this meeting. Only three residents attended the public meeting on Sept 6th.

Discussion follows:

Numerous people did not know of this meeting and what it related to, it only said to discuss water rates, so why would someone go who didn't have water? Is there any way for it to be posted so everyone will see it next time? When is the next water dept meeting? BD- None scheduled at the moment.

JB-said to follow the appeal process

- **Brian Forgue- School committee update**

Received rural school aid \$830,000 Brian and Jason Forgue attending Nov 6th meeting to advocate for more rural school aid.

MCAS data is in

Chester Elementary – best #'s 71% of meeting target

Gateway High -40-50%

Middlefield – 22%- needs work

- **Town Administrator Report**

-STAM meeting Thursday in Westhamptom



-Pastor Dan looking for permission from selectboard to run a low power FM transmitting from the church, looking to run community meetings, radio show.

All selectboard members agreed.

-Paul Hathaway resigned from the Highway Dept

- **Public Comment**

Jessica Slatcher- thanked highway for their help at the cemetery. Wants to have a cemetery commissioners meeting, Brian to help with agenda.

Diane Hall- payroll deductions still not correct, why? Don to reach out to Sara and Caroline at universal payroll

Jessica Sakaske-Christmas Tree lighting Nov 24th Cookies and drinks served in town hall after.

Andy Myers-Gave list of fuel costs for the past year.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting , Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.



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Respectfully Submitted

Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

11/27/23

Date Signed

John Baldasaro, Chairman

Date Signed

Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

12-4-23

Date Signed

Brian Fogue, Clerk

12/4

Date Signed