



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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Monday, December 4, 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, Rich Holzman, Avril Willemain, Jane Sutton, Jessica Slatcher, Mary Ann Pease, Don Humason, Craig Gauthier, and Henry Fristik.

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00pm, warrants, minutes and all correspondence were signed.
No computer access for virtual.

- **Terry Donovan- ACO Vehicle**

The Town of Blandford wants the ACO vehicle back to their town. Blandford is claiming it is for their ACO. John said it is the Town of Chester vehicle, he will reach out to Cara again and Don is to talk to Ira.

- **Henry Fristik- Fire Chief**

Henry handed out a list of projects, items to be done for the fire dept. Fire dept only has \$6000.00 left in expense budget and will be over budget with regular expenses. John suggested prioritizing the list and we can ask at a STM for funds. Henry is also working on some grants to help cover costs.
Henry has hired Gage Laurie to help with maintenance on small equipment and inventory and odd jobs.

- **Brian Forgue- Budget Dept Worksheet**

Brian handed out a budget worksheet that Blandford uses. It asks for more information than the worksheet Chester uses. Conversation included Mary Ann Pease saying it is too much paperwork to fill out. Lots of the information, ie: revenue is already tracked and not every dept brings in revenue. May be great for Fire and Highway but excessive for most depts. Brian will bring to the first finance meeting and discuss with them.

- **Town Administrator Report**

- Due to the holidays January BOS meetings will be on Tuesdays.

-No day off after Christmas and New years.

- Audit will be done by Roselli, CMELD may use them also.

-still working on best ways to reach residents, Brian suggested a blurb of town events in Watts news, and put on sign out fire dept.

-Charlie the health agent stopped in for a visit, he suggested a round table discussion with BOS, BOH, tax collector, building inspector regarding properties and what to do next with them.



- Don needs approval by the BOS to be made the sign off person for the water dept. Motion made by Brian Seconded by Andy all approved to make Don the designated signer.
-Flag policy does the town have one? John thinks we do, will check or do up a new one.
-COA serv safe testing . Can that amount come out of the Inspector Certification line item ? Brian made a motion , Andy seconded, all in favor of testing to be paid by line 10124.08, inspector certification costs.

- **Public Comment**

-Andy Myers- Little fair to be on agenda for next meeting. Still asking about Comcast at the fair grounds.

John Baldasaro made a motion to adjourn to executive session 7:30pm, Roll call vote, John -yes, Andy-yes, Brian-yes.



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Respectfully Submitted



Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

12/18/23

Date Signed



John Baldasaro, Chairman

12/18/23

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Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

12/18/23

Date Signed



Brian Fogue, Clerk

Date Signed