



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

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Monday, July 1, 2024

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

Selectboard members present were Craig Gauthier, Andy Sutton and John Baldasaro. Also present Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Mary Ann Pease, Jane Sutton, Liz Massa, Bob Daley, Veronica Marr, Rosemary Dalesandro, Kirsten Broman, Beth Lansing, Annette LaMountain, Terry Murphy, and Diane Hall.

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

- **CMELD Commissioner Discussion**

Terry Murphy, Electric Commissioner wanted to know why the STM was cancelled. They wanted the Article for the Yes/No vote to sell CMELD on it. John explained that legal had said not to do it at this moment. And John felt that is premature in his opinion. The BOS then held a discussion amongst themselves to decide if they should have a vote.

John said prematurely in his opinion, not enough information yet.

Craig agreed nothing should be voted on yet.

Andy said yes, we should put it up to a vote, will calm people down, would give us 2 yrs. to get everything in order. Andy also brought up that someone would need to investigate CMELD's true worth and that's going to take money.

Further discussion continued between Terry Murphy and BOS.

Andy Myers suggested now that the audit has been done, invite Eversource to meet and go over financials and can have everything done by the end of the year, and see if they come up with another proposal.

Rich Holzman spoke to shutting down discussions prematurely is not right; it is advantageous to see what is out there.

John wants to move forward and within the next 30 days have a meeting with Eversource, CMELD and BOS to see where they are at and get more questions answered. If it is progressing, then follow it if no progress then bring it to a town vote. Andy Sutton agreed to waiting a bit longer 5-6 months but to stop dragging it on.

Don to arrange meeting date with Dianne and Eversource.



- **Fire Chief Appointment Discussion**

Andy Sutton made a motion to appoint Nate Bolduc as Fire Chief, Craig Gauthier seconded, all in favor.

- **Maryann Pease- Hilltown Community Ambulance**

All Board members signed the contract.

- **Public Comment**

Andy Sutton- Hazard Mitigation meeting changed to July 16th, Tuesday, remotely or here, Jamie to coordinate with Don when he gets back from vacation to set up.

Kiersen Broman- Concern about COA being broken into. Saturday morning Dave found the door wide open; nothing was missing but her laptop was put out on her desk and covered with papers. She had put it away on Friday. Is requesting some sort of sign out log for the spare keys. Will check into with Don

John Baldasaro made a motion to adjourn; Andy seconded, all in favor.

Adjourned 7:20pm



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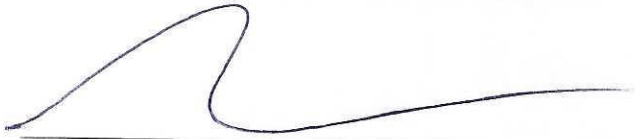
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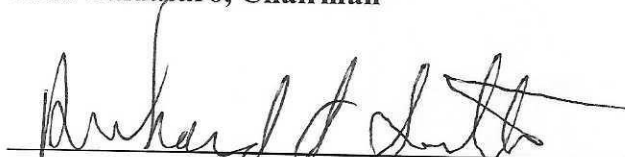
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7/9/24
Date Signed



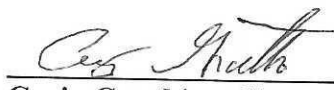
John Baldasaro, Chairman

7/15/24
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Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

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Craig Gauthier, Clerk

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CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday, July 1, 2024, 6:00PM, in the Town Hall Council on Aging Room

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, but it is at the Select Board's discretion to allow participation for those attending remotely.

-Meeting minutes and warrants may be signed.

Report from Town Departments/Town Business:

-Discussion with CMELD Commissioner Terry Murphy

-Mary Ann Pease Sign contract with Hilltown Community Ambulance

Old Business:

-Discussion/Appointment of Fire Chief

New Business:

Town Administrator Don Humason report:

-None this week. Don is on vacation.

Anything that should come before the Selectboard that was unanticipated within the 48 hours of posting:



Public Comments or Questions:

Next Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2024, 6PM in the Council on Aging Room

Meeting Adjournment

This meeting is being held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting.

Please note that while an option for remote attendance and or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law.

Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.



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***7-1-24 Selectboard Report
from the Highway Department***

- 1] Mowing of Skyline and East River Road still on going
- 2] Round hill deep edges have been repaired and pole has been stabilized
- 3] Still working on Campbell end for a new home going in, road has not been maintained so it needed a little work and turnaround, have base in.
- 4] Supports have been installed on Blandford Road bridge
- 5] Have a meeting set for July 8th 12-1 about how the conditions have got worse since last year.
- 6] Started behind town hall should have base and curb Wednesday and final TBD soon

-Charles "Chip" Dazelle,
Chester Highway Superintendent
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