



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
15 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
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Monday, July 15, 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 were Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Mary Ann Pease, Jane Sutton, Liz Massa, Brian Forgue, Emily Smith-Lee, Jessica Slatcher, Darlene Stone, and Diane Hall.

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

- **CMELD Commissioner Discussion**

None of the Electric Light Commissioners were in attendance, So Diane Hall was the spokesperson. She stated that we were halfway through the 30 days that the selectboard had suggested there would be a meeting, was there any advances on this? John B answered yes we have a meeting scheduled for July 29th and were waiting for CMELD to confirm. Diane said OK then we can do that.

John said the meeting will be between CMELD, BOS, Eversource, and the Energy Committee, with public discussion at the end. After the meeting CMELD and the BOS will discuss further and if forward progress then another meeting will be scheduled, if no forward progress, then there will be a voting discussion.

- **Hazard Mitigation Meeting**

Don announced there will be a Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting on Tuesday 7/16 at 6pm. All are welcome to attend, they want public input.

- **Building Inspector Obligations**

Craig Gauthier brought up the subject that Jason Forgue now has full time employment with South Hadley, and will he have time to service Chester? John called Jason and Jason said yes he is still going to have time to service Chester. Craig asked why the inspections have not been done for the restaurants with liquor licenses. Jason claimed they sat at the TA's desk for months and they must request a reinspection because they failed the first time. He has not heard from them to reschedule an inspection. Applications are online and they must have a certificate of inspection prior to issuing a liquor license. Jason also said he works for 7 municipalities and yes, he has enough time to do the job and never would have put his reappointment papers in if he didn't.

- **Don Humason Town Admin Report**

-There are 4 applications for Admin. Assist. And would like to schedule interviews for them. John requested all applications be forwarded to the BOS so they can look them over.

-Town Audit is done Copy on the way, will be on zoom meeting on 8/12/24



- Resident Judy Olsen questioned the Entering Chester sign and wondered if it could be moved? Or mow around it? John suggested to send Chip to see if they could clean up around the sign

-S. Worthington Road question. Oleksak wants a hard copy of when it was discontinued. Andy Myers said Commonwealth of MA owns both sides of the road. John said to go back to the BOS minutes in 1969 and look there.

- **Public Comment**

-Maryann Pease asked about a bylaw for lawn care, eight of lawn. John said there is no such bylaw, Liz Massa said to contact the Planning Board, or BOH.

-Maryann also wanted the BOS to be aware of brown water in the village for 3 days now. People have sent emails to the water commissioners, but no answers have been given. Liz said she heard a pump failed and was changed out last week so that might be the issue. Maryann suggested putting a notice out next time, so people are aware of the situation. Don to reach out to Bob Daley and get an official notice of what happened.

-Andy Myers reminded everyone of the Littleville Fair Aug 2,3,4

-Andy Sutton said Bob Daley wanted to discuss septic systems in town and what grants and housing programs are there to help residents when their systems fail. John said PVPC program helps.

-Rich Holzman requesting update on town takeovers of properties. John said no news to report on that.

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

Adjourned 6:30 Adjourned



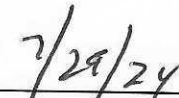
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Respectfully Submitted


Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant


Date Signed


John Baldasaro, Chairman


Date Signed


Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

Date Signed


Craig Gauthier, Clerk


Date Signed



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***7-15-24 Selectboard Report
from the Highway Department***

- 1] Touching up roads from rainstorm, Abbott hill culvert worked again and no washout
- 2] Paving has been completed at town hall
- 3] Got ch 90 reimbursement ready for blacktop
- 4] Meeting with Mass dot and reps of western mass about condition of our 2 bridges
Selectboard and town admin were involved as well. Thank you all
- 5] Got white 550 going again transmission filter and oil. Pan was rotted on transmission

-Charles "Chip" Dazelle,
Chester Highway Superintendent
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