

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Chelsea Town Office
6:45PM, January 7, 2015**

Selectmen present: Benjamin Smith and Richard Danforth. Michael Pushard was absent and excused.

Others present: Scott Tilton, Barbara Skehan, Skip Skehan and Palmer Sargent.

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:51PM by Chairman Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda: NONE

III. Public Comments:

Barbara Skehan expressed her frustration and disappointment that the notice of the meeting was not better advertised

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. Old Business:

1. Discussion concerning the purchase of a Fire Tanker

The Town Manager explained to the Board of the Fire Departments need for a Fire Tanker to replace the current tanker which is over 25 years old. The Town Manager outlined two methods that could be used to purchase the vehicle. Methods discussed included General Obligation Bonding and Leasing. The Board of Selectmen while in support of the purchase of the vehicle were concerned that the process spelled out in the Procurement Ordinance requiring the Procurement Officer to request bids from suppliers needed to be followed. The Town Manager stated that the Procurement Ordinance did provide some discretion on the area of sole source procurement. The Selectmen requested that the Ad Hoc Fire Vehicle Committee reconvene to develop general vehicle specifications and obtain bids.

No formal action was taken and none would be taken until the Ad Hoc Committee has met and a positive recommendation developed.

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. Old Business:

2. Establishment of a Natural Gas Pipeline Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

The Town Manager reviewed with the Board of Selectmen the draft TIF application that the public would be asked to comment on at the January 14, 2015 Public Hearing and the Town would be asked to approve at the January 21, 2015 Special Town Meeting. The Board is supportive of establishing a TIF District.

No action was taken on this item.

VI. Written Communication: NONE

VII. Verbal Communication:

1. Chelsea RSU #12 Representative:

Barbara Skehan reported on the creation of a Food pantry at the Chelsea School. The Pantry is closely aligned with the Back Packs for Chelsea Program. She also provided the Selectmen with a copy of the RSU #12 budget review schedule.

2. Boards and Committees: NONE

3. Board of Selectmen/Assessors:

Benjamin Smith informed the Board of the need to schedule an Assessors Meeting. At the meeting the Board would need to discuss tax abatements and begin preparations to commit 2015-16 taxes. Depending the availability of the Assessors Agent a Board Assessors Meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2015 at 6:00PM.

4. Town Manager: None

VIII. Executive Session: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn. The meeting was declared adjourned by Mr. Smith at 7:42PM.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on February 11, 2015

Benjamin Smith, Chair

Michael Pushard

Richard Danforth, Vice Chair