

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
Chelsea Town Office

I. Call meeting to order:

- Selectman Benjamin Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Present for the meeting were Selectmen Michael Pushard & Richard Danforth. Also present were Town Manager Scott Tilton and Chelsea resident Dickie Condon.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

- Selectman Smith led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda:

A. Approve Payroll Warrant #29 in the amount of \$6,083.37.

B. Approve Accounts Payable Warrant #30 in the amount of \$232,096.33.

C. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013.

- Motion by Selectman Danforth to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B & C as written, motion seconded by Selectman Pushard. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

III. Public Comment on Items not part of the Agenda:

- Selectman Smith asked if anyone would like to speak. Dick Condon said he would like an update on the sale of the cellphone tower. The Town Manager said the Town was still looking at all of their options regarding this and there would not be any decisions made until sometime in February.

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Schedule 2014-2015 Chelsea Selectmen Budget Meeting Dates.

- Manager Tilton said he would have the budget ready for the Selectmen at the February 12th meeting. He said this proposed budget should give a general idea as to any changes in the tax rate. After a brief conversation about the upcoming meeting schedules, the Selectman agreed that starting times for those meetings should be 6:00 p.m. No motion made or necessary.

B. Old Business:

1. None Scheduled.

- Selectman Smith stated there were no old business items to be discussed.

V. Legal Issues:

A. None Scheduled.

- The Selectmen and the Town Manager briefly discussed a loss of claim that might be filed with MMA regarding previous accounting discrepancies to do with the Swan case. No motion made or necessary.
- Mr. Condon asked when the next hearing would be regarding Crystal Falls; Manager Tilton said the hearing had been rescheduled to January 27, 2014.

VI. Written Communication:

A. Letter from Time Warner Cable dated December 18, 2013.

B. Letter from Time Warner Cable dated January 2, 2014.

- Selectman Smith stated that Items A & B were routine updates from Time Warner Cable with no changes to the services provided.

- C. November 12, 2013 Planning Board Minutes.
 - Manager Tilton said the Planning Board is looking into making a list of requirements for businesses opening in Chelsea.
- D. Invitation to Regionalization Summit.
 - Manager Tilton said the City of Gardiner has sent invitations to join them for the discussion of regionalization. The Manager said this is a discussion he feels is very important and that Chelsea should be represented at these meetings. Selectman Smith said he would attend the next meeting with the Town Manager.
- E. Notes from November 13, 2013 Pittston Select Board Meeting discussing Solid Waste.
 - Manager Tilton said that Judy Williams had attended this meeting and took notes on behalf of the Town because he and the Selectmen were not able to attend that night. The Manager said the meeting notes reflect why the Town of Pittston withdrew from Hatch Hill and their ideas for moving forward with an alternative for their community.
- F. 2013 Website Annual Report.
 - The Town Manager said that the Town's official website had 58,652 hits during the 2013 year.

VII. Verbal Communication:

- A. Town Manager Report.
 - The sand and salt supply was briefly discussed. Manager Tilton said the Town did make it through the sand/salt shortage. He also said the sand expense for this year was paid for with the funds from last year's budget line and that the Town has done well with the cost especially with the number of storms that have occurred.
- B. Chelsea's RSU #12 Representative.
 - No report presented at this meeting.
- C. Board of Selectmen/Assessors.
 - There were no items to be discussed.

XIII. Executive Session.

IX. Adjournment:

- Motion by Selectman Pushard to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Danforth. Motion carried 3-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on February 26, 2014

Benjamin Smith – Chair

Richard Danforth Vice-Chair

Michael Pushard