

**Town of Chelsea  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Wednesday January 11, 2017  
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

**I. Call regular meeting to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Mr. Danforth.

Selectmen present were Benjamin Smith, Richard Danforth and Michael Pushard

Others present included Scott Tilton, Richard Simon, Carol Belanger and William Butler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**II. Public Comment on items not part of the agenda: NONE**

**III. Adjustments to the agenda:**

**Move Item –**

**VI. Legal Item A** to before Consent Agenda

**V. B. Old Business 1** to before Consent Agenda

**VI. Legal:**

**A. Approve the Vaillencourt Compliance Agreement**

CEO Butler explained the Compliance Agreement that he negotiated with the Vaillencourt's which corrected the Automobile Graveyard violation and the Nuisance property violations occurring at the property. The agreement requires that all effected parties sign.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to approve the Compliance Agreement and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement for the Board of Selectmen on behalf of Chelsea. Vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth).

**B. Old Business:**

**1. Town Building Solar Power Conversion Discussion w/ Richard Simon**

Mr. Simon explained how solar power, net metering and a solar lease works. The Selectboard asked several questions about lease terms, buy outs and electricity savings. The Selectboard requested that Mr. Simon send them a copy of the spreadsheet he used in determining the terms and savings. No formal action was taken.

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 28 in the amount of \$ 538.25
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 29 in the amount of \$ 223,134.50
- C. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 30 in the amount of \$ 6,389.08
- D. Approval of Board of Selectmen December 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- E. Approval of Board of Selectmen December 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Pushard).

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to approve Consent Agenda Items D and E as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**V. Scheduled Items:**

**A. New Business:**

**1. LED Street Lighting Proposal**

The Manager presented the Selectboard with a proposal from Pemco to install and maintain new LED street lights in Chelsea. The Selectboard had several questions that the Manager will get the answers to and report back. No formal action was taken.

**2. 2017-18 Tax Assessing Budget**

The Manager requested guidance on expenses that would be included in the Assessing Budget. No formal action was taken.

**B. Old Business:**

**2. Revise Town Donation Policy**

The Manager presented the Selectboard with a copy of the current Town Donation Policy. The Manager explained his frustrations with the amount of time spent collecting the information the application requests when for the last couple of years donations requests were going unfunded. The Selectboard does not support revisions at this time and instructed the Town Manager to continue to use the policy. No formal action was taken.

**3. Assessing Issues**

**A. Raymond and Katherine Brann – Map 7 Lot 103**

Raymond and Katherine Brann have requested an abatement. The request was reviewed by the Board of Assessors back in September. At that time instead of the Assessors making an unfavorable decision on the request they tabled a decision until the Brann's had an opportunity to locate and present similar home assessments that would support their request to lower their assessment. The Selectboard requested the Manager draft a letter informing the Brann's that they would until January 25 to provide requested information.

**VII. Written Communication:**

- A.** The Town Clerk's December 2016 Report was reviewed.
- B.** The ACO Report for December 2016 was reviewed.
- C.** A letter from Charter Communication fka Time Warner Cable dated January 5, 2017 was reviewed
- D.** The MMA Unemployment Insurance letter was reviewed.
- E.** A letter from Damon's Quick Stop informing the Selectboard of the new store ownership was reviewed.

**VIII. Verbal Communication:**

**Town Manager –**

The Manager presented the Selectboard with his written report.

**RSU # 12 Report –**

Mr. Danforth reported that he recently attended the RSU 12 Finance Committee

**VIII. Verbal Communication:**

**Board of Selectmen –**

**Mr. Pushard** requested that a winter roads item be place on the agenda for discussion on January 25, 2017. He went on to express his concern about Lee Burns resigning from several of the committees she serves on. He would like to do something to get her to reconsider.

**Mr. Smith** had nothing to share with other members of the Selectboard at this time.

Mr. Danforth shared the news of Bea Campbellton’s recent passing. He explained that Bea held the distinction of being Chelsea’s oldest resident and holder of the Boston Post Cane.

**IX. Executive Session: NONE**

**X. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on January 25, 2017.

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Richard Danforth

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Michael Pushard

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Benjamin Smith