

**Town of Chelsea  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Wednesday February 8, 2017  
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chairman Danforth.

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

Others present included Jeromy Cyr, Scott Tilton, N. Joel Moser, Carl Jones, Melissa Coulombe, David Coulombe, Roger Babcock, Dwight Babcock, Robert Babcock Jr., Wendy Phillis, Michael White, Molly Alexander, Melissa Morrill, Jeff Allen and Brian Stiles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**III. Adjustments to the agenda:**

**Move Item – V. Scheduled Items B. Old Business B.2a to after V. Scheduled Items A.1.**

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 33 in the amount of \$ 54,417.02
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 34 in the amount of \$ 5,778.64

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

**V. Scheduled Items:**

**A. New Business:**

**1. Road Discontinuance Discussion**

The Chairman opened the floor up to questions and comments from residents concerned with the potential discontinuance of their road.

An individual representing Cecil Babcock (Old Thomaston Road) asked about the reason to discontinue the road and explained that Cecil has always paid his taxes and deserves to have his road plowed.

Jeff Allen (Allen Ave) explained that Chelsea isn't maintaining Allen Ave. He requested that if the road is discontinued the public easement remain so that he will not become landlocked.

Jeromy Cyr (Spruce Lane) explained that he doesn't have the financial resources to maintain the road and discontinuance would create a hardship for him.

Molly Alexander (Birmingham Road) asked about the recent discontinuance of her road beyond her driveway and the status of the public easement.

Michael White (Goodwill Drive) explained that he has business on the road and doubts if the town would be discontinuing the road if a Hannaford was located on it.

David Coulombe (Goodwill Drive) stated that he might not have recently purchased Goodwill Circle Hall if the road was discontinued.

The Manager and the Selectmen answered questions previously raised and offered an explanation of the process moving forward. No Formal action was taken.

**B. Old Business:**

**2. Assessing Issues**

**a. Cabins in the Woods Tax Exemption Request**

The Selectmen were presented with an agreement between Chelsea and the Cabins in the Woods stating that a \$5000 per year Payment in Lieu of Taxes would be paid to Chelsea. N. Joel Moser and Melissa Morrill (Cabins in the Woods) provided clarification from the point of view of the Cabins. Certain wording was found to be unacceptable to the Selectmen the agreement was approved pending minor changes with the signing to be made after the wording was corrected.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve the P.I.L.O.T. agreement not including the last clause at the bottom of the first page. There was further discussion. Mr. Smith withdrew his motion and Mr. Danforth withdrew his second to the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve the P.I.L.O.T. agreement subject to the proper revisions being drafted by Council for the VOA and Chelsea. Upon the inclusion of the changes in the last clause at the bottom of first page both parties would sign. The vote was unanimous.

**2. Boston Post Cane**

The Selectmen reviewed the policy that could be used when selecting the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. By consensus the Selectmen agreed to use the Boston Post Cane Policy when selecting and honoring the recipients. No formal action was taken.

**3. Town Report Dedication**

The unanimous consensus of the Selectmen was to dedicate this year's Town Report to Beatrice Campbellton, a longtime resident and holder of the Boston Post Cane.

**4. Schedule 2017 Elections and Town Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to set the dates for the annual town wide elections and Annual Town Meeting as June 13 and June 15 respectively. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Spirit of American Volunteer Recognition**

The Selectmen and Manager discussed who to award the Volunteer of America recognition to. One name was offered for consideration. The Selectmen will give the recognition further thought and present other name to the Manager as they think of them. No formal action was taken.

**6. Future of Winter Plowing and Sanding Operation in Chelsea**

The amount of negative calls from residents about the snow plowing and sanding operations has higher than usual. The Selectmen are going to consider a few options for the new contract period including possibly hiring multiple contractors to plow and sand smaller routes. No formal action was taken.

**B. Old Business:**

**1. Virginia Katon files and records disposition**

The Town Clerk has thoroughly reviewed the records turned over to her from Virginia Katons Estate. A formal report was presented to the Selectmen with suggestions. By consensus the

Selectmen decided to take the suggestions of the Town Clerk in deciding to retain and dispose of the Katon items.

**VI. Legal:**

**A. Regulation of Recreational Use of Marijuana and Marijuana Social Clubs**

There has been a lot of activity by Maine Towns to adopt moratoriums on where social clubs can be placed or ban social clubs completely. The Manager provided the Selectmen with information provided by MMA and KVCOG on the new law passed recently

**VII. Written Communication**

- A. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Charter Communication dated Jan 28, 2017
- B. The Selectmen reviewed an email memo from the Maine Municipal Health Trust dated Jan 27, 2017
- C. The Selectmen reviewed the Small Town Forum Meeting Minutes dated Jan 23, 2017
- D. The Selectmen reviewed the Office Clerks Report for December 2016
- E. The Selectmen reviewed the CEO Report for January 2017
- F. The Selectmen reviewed the Town Clerks Report for January 2017
- G. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Mabbett & Associates, Inc. dated Feb 1, 2017
- H. The Selectmen reviewed the 2017-19 MDOT Work Plan for Roads in Chelsea
- I. The Selectmen reviewed the RSU #12 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for Feb 9, 2017
- J. The Selectmen reviewed the RSU #12 Superintendent's Report for February 2017

**VIII. Verbal Communication:**

- A. Town Manager - NONE
- B. Chelsea's RSU #12 Representative - NONE
- C. Boards and Committee - NONE
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors - NONE

**IX. Executive Session: NONE**

**X. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Danforth to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 22, 2017.

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Richard Danforth

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Absent  
Michael Pushard

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Benjamin Smith