

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
February 11, 2015
Chelsea Town Office
6:45PM**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:48PM by Chairman Smith.

Selectmen present: Michael Pushard, Richard Danforth and Benjamin Smith.

Others present: Scott Tilton, Lisa Goulette, Tanya Condon, Carol Belanger, Bob Strout, John Wilcox, Michael Tondreau, Jerry Tondreau, Barbara Skehan and Skip Skehan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 34 in the amount of \$ 995.80
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 37 in the amount of \$ 184,637.72
- C. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 36 in the amount of \$ 5,187.60
- D. Approval of Board of Selectmen January 7, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
- E. Approval of Board of Selectmen January 14, 2015 Public Hearing Minutes
- F. Approval of Board of Assessors January 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- G. Approval Board of Selectmen January 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- H. Approval of Board of Selectmen January 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H as presented. The vote was unanimous.

III. Public Comment: NONE

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business: NONE

By consensus of the Board of Selectmen it was decided to move Legal (5) to before Scheduled Items Old Business on the Agenda so that representatives present from McGee Construction could be heard at this time.

V. Legal:

5. Plowing of snow from private driveways into public roadways

Given the heavy snowfall this winter, the additional snow being plowed from private property into the public roadway is concerning the Selectmen who fear there is a lack of places to safely plow the snow. They requested that the Town Manager prepare a notice for the Selectmen and the plow operators to give to homeowners and contractors discovered plowing snow into or across the roadway in violation of Maine Law. In addition to the written notices a notice would be placed in the newspaper informing residents of the existence of the law and the policy making Chelsea and its contractors not responsible for damage and destruction of mailboxes.

No formal action on this matter was taken at this time.

By consensus of the Board of Selectmen it was decided to move Legal (1) to before Scheduled Items Old Business on the Agenda.

V. Legal:

1. Michael Tondreau –Land Use Violation - Map 8 Lot 54-CO

There was additional discussion between the parties regarding the alleged violations of Chelsea's Minimum Lot Size Ordinance and State Plumbing Codes.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Smith to accept the findings and recommendations of the Code Enforcement Officer that a violation of the Minimum Lot Size Ordinance is occurring at Map 8 Lot 54-CO. The current duplex is not a grandfathered non-conforming structure which existed as of December 8, 1987 nor did it replace such a structure within 2 years of destruction or removal, and the duplex was not otherwise recognized by the town as lawfully non-conforming.

The motion passes by a vote of 2 – 1 (Pushard)

The Town will consult with the attorney to pursue and land use complaint pursuant to Rule 80K.

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

1. Chelsea Personnel Policy Amendments

The Manager reported that the proposed changes to the policy were not quite ready for action by the Board of Selectmen.

2. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee

The Board of Selectmen decided by consensus that the establishment of an Economic Development Committee could be delayed until later in the development of the TIF District.

3. Transportation of High School Students

The Manager reported that the projected cost for RSU 12 to transport Chelsea students attending Cony High School would be between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per school year. The full RSU 12 Board would be deciding on the proposal at their February 12, 2015 meeting. The Board of Selectmen decided to not take any action until the Directors of RSU 12 have a proposal Chelsea.

4. Broadcasting Board of Selectmen Meetings CTV7

The Board of Selectmen requested that the Manager obtain a cost from CTV7 to broadcast Chelsea Meetings. There would be no further consideration of this matter at this time.

V. Legal:

2. Review amendments to the Rescue Fee Ordinance

The Manager presented the amended language to the Board of Selectmen. The Board wanted the revised language reviewed by the Town Attorney before it was presented to them to be certified for inclusion on the Town Meeting Warrant at a later date.

3. 2015-16 Winter Sand Bid

The Manager reviewed with the Board the results of the winter sand bids. The Manager requested additional time before making a recommendation. The Board granted the Manager's request.

4. 2015 -2018 Winter Plowing and Sanding Bids

The Manager explained that only one bid for plowing and sanding was received. The Manager reviewed with the Board the results of the bid. The Manager requested additional time before making a recommendation. The Board granted the Manager's request.

VI. Written Communication:

1. The Board received and reviewed a letter from the Gardiner Public Library
2. The Board received and reviewed the Treasurers Report.

VII. Verbal Communication:

Town Manager – NONE

Chelsea's RSU #12 Representative – Barbara Skehan reported that the RSU Board would be meeting tomorrow night. She went on to request that the Manager provide the information concerning the Selectmen meetings in a timelier manner.

Committees and Boards – NONE

Board of Selectmen –

Ben Smith – requested that the Board receive the meeting packet on the Friday before the meeting. He also asked about when the Board would be receiving the Audit Management Letter.

Rick Danforth – informed the Board that the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee were going to start meeting again. He also asked the Manager for information on how the Fire Department disposes of hazardous materials it collects at motor vehicle accident sites.

Mike Pushard – informed the Board that the Small Community Cooperation Group was meeting February 16.

VIII. Executive Session: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on February 25, 2015

Benjamin Smith, Chair

Michael Pushard

Richard Danforth, Vice Chair