

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Public Hearing
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2016
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

Public Hearing

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Chairman Danforth.
Selectmen present: Richard Danforth, Michael Pushard and Benjamin Smith.

Others present: Scott Tilton, George True, Peggy True, Jake Swan, Dickie Condon, Randel Magee, Scott Arnold, Michael Bancroft and Todd Erickson.

Traffic Control Ordinance

Various questions regarding the ordinance were asked. The Selectmen and the Town Manager provided answers and clarified what the Selectmen wanted to accomplish with the ordinance.

Temporary Heavy Weight Limit Ordinance

Various questions regarding the ordinance were asked. The Selectmen and the Town Manager provided answers and clarified what the Selectmen wanted to accomplish with the ordinance.

Because of the nature of some of the changes to the ordinance, Chairman Danforth explained that the Selectmen would not be voting on either ordinance.

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Chairman Danforth.

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

Others present: Scott Tilton, George True, Peggy True, Jake Swan, Dickie Condon, Randel Magee, Scott Arnold, Michael Bancroft and Todd Erickson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 39 in the amount of \$ 200,711.43
- B. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 40 in the amount of \$ 5,909.18
- C. Approval of Board of Selectmen February 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

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

III. Public Comment: NONE

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Improving Town Office Security

The Town Manager described how there has been times recently that the staff have felt unsafe when dealing with certain customers. Mr. Pushard expressed concern about the lack of security and the need to look into added town office security measures. The Board of Selectmen asked the manager to contact a security company for a review of the current situation and to develop options the town could implement.

No formal action was taken.

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

2. Property Maintenance Ordinance

The Code Enforcement Officer was present to explain the origin of the ordinance presented and the reasons he felt this ordinance was an improvement over the current ordinance. The Board of Selectmen requested that the Code Enforcement Officer spend some time comparing the current ordinance with the proposed ordinance and combine both into an ordinance that was not a complete rewrite and had a better chance at being approved at the Town Meeting. A member of the public asked if the ordinance could be written to acknowledge the difference between a residence and business.

No formal action was taken.

3. Elderly Property Tax Deferral Ordinance

The Manager presented the Selectmen of two sample ordinances from different towns. After further discussion the Selectmen felt that the ordinance would not accomplish what they wanted to accomplish and would be difficult to administer.

Although no formal action was taken, it was decided by consensus that the ordinance would no longer be considered as a viable request for voting on at Town Meeting.

V. Legal:

1. Property Tax Abatement Map 6 Lot 38MH

The Manager explained to the Board of Selectmen that the assessment on Map 6 Lot 38MH was overvalued and that both the 2014 -15 and 2015-16 value had already been reduced and the taxes abated. This abatement was to abate the value for 2013-14 that was missed when the other abatements were approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to abate the value of 11,496 from Map 6 Lot 38A or \$206.70 in taxes plus cost and interest for the tax year 2013-14 subject to changes being made to the reason for the abatement and a typographical error being corrected.

The vote was unanimous.

2. 2016 – 17 RSU 12 High School Transportation Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to accept the transportation agreement with RSU 12 as written.

The vote was unanimous

3. Approval of Traffic Control Ordinance

The Manager reviewed with the Selectmen the changes they wanted made to the ordinance. No formal action was taken.

4. Approval of Weight Limit Ordinance

The Manager reviewed with the Selectmen the changes they wanted made to the ordinance. No formal action was taken.

VI. Written Communication:

1. The Selectmen reviewed the YTD Treasurer Expense Report.
2. The Selectmen reviewed the YTD Treasurers Revenue Report.
3. The Selectmen reviewed the YTD Treasurer Investment Report.
4. The Selectmen reviewed the February Town Clerks Report.
5. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from US Cellular dated February 16, 2016.
6. The Selectmen reviewed a Letter from BMV dated January 12, 2016.
7. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from TWC dated March 2, 2016.

VII. Verbal Communication:

Town Manager – NONE

RSU # 12 Report –

Mr. Danforth stated that he has been attending the RSU 12 Finance Committee meetings and was not seeing much progress being made in cutting the RSU 12 Budget

Committees and Boards – NONE

Board of Selectmen –

Mr. Danforth announce that he had finished the Town Manager’s Performance Appraisal for the contract year ending September 2015. He stated that he planned to review it with the Manager prior to bringing it before the other Board members for final changes and suggestions.

VIII. Executive Session Action: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 23, 2016.

Richard Danforth

Michael Pushard

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