

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
March 11, 2015
Chelsea Town Office
After the Board of Assessors Meeting**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:59PM by Chairman Smith.

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

Others present: Scott Tilton, Jeromy Cyr, Ted Gardner, George True Jr. and Frank O'Hara

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 35 in the amount of \$ 5,171.19.
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 40 in the amount of \$ 196,408.25
- C. Approval Board of Selectmen February 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- D. Approval of Board of Selectmen February 25, 2015 Executive Session Minutes.

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

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

III. Public Comment:

George True was present to ask the Board to instruct the Road Commissioner to issue him a permit exempting his company from the weight limits in place on the Dr. Mann Road. The section of road that needs to be used was rebuilt this past summer. The Road Commissioner explained that he was reluctant to issue a permit for 80,000 lbs. this spring preferring to give that section time to rest. He was willing to issue a permit or 30,000 lbs. which would allow Mr. True to park at his house with an unloaded truck and trailer. After discussion and negotiation, it was decided that a permit for 30,000 lbs. could be agreed to.

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Discuss and Review the Discontinuance of Spruce Lane

The Manager invited the abutters of Spruce Lane to the meeting to discuss with them and gauge their opposition to Chelsea discontinuing Spruce Lane. Mr. Cyr has recently purchased the home on the right belonging to his grandparents. He expressed his opposition citing safety and expense as his primary reasons. It was explained to him that the Board with the change of property ownership was considering the change.

No action was taken at this time. Members of the Selectmen wanted to view a copy of the tax map and informed Mr. Cyr that they would revisit the issue at a later date.

2. Hallowell and Gardiner Water District Merger discussion – Frank O’Hara of Planning Decisions.

The Manager invited Frank O’Hara from Planning Decisions to review with the Selectmen the proposed merger of the Hallowell and Gardiner Water Districts. Mr. O’Hara explained why the merger was being proposed and that a bill was pending before the Maine Legislature which would allow the merger following certain favorable steps being taken by the current districts.

No action was taken at this time. Members of the Selectmen wanted a copy of the proposed language of the bill.

3. Discuss the 2015 Summer Roads repair and maintenance Schedule

The Manager and the Board of Selectmen discussed this summer’s road maintenance schedule. There are numerous projects planned for this summer. The Selectmen wanted to review the plan further at their next meeting.

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

1. Review and act upon setting Street Excavation Fees

The Manager reviewed with the Selectmen the fees being charged by other area towns for street excavation permits. The Manager recommended the following permit fees be set as of March 11, 2015:

- A. Paved areas including concrete and brick surfaces - \$60.00 per square yard
- B. Gravel and other non-paved areas including grass areas - \$8.00 per square yard
- C. Pipe or cable greater than or equal to six (6) inches in diameter installed by trenchless technologies such as drilling or augering (without an open excavation) - \$2.00 per lineal foot
- D. Pipe or cable less than six (6) inches in diameter installed by trenching technologies such as drilling or augering (without an open excavation) - \$1.00 per lineal foot.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to set the excavation fees as recommended. The vote was unanimous.

2. Review and act upon increasing Building Ordinance Permit Fees

The Manager reviewed the proposed amendment to the Building Permit Ordinance. The current fee is 0.05. The Manager explained that the need for the increase was due to the increase in the cost to have a qualified CEO working in Chelsea. The new proposed fee would be 0.10.

The Selectmen and the Planning Board support the amendment and authorize the proposed change be sent to the Town's attorney for review prior to scheduling a Public Hearing.

3. Review and act upon proposed amendments to the Road Posting Ordinance

The Manager reviewed the proposed amendment to the Road Posting Ordinance. Certain important changes are being proposed.

The Selectmen support the amendments and authorize the proposed changes be sent to the Town's attorney for review prior to scheduling a Public Hearing.

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

4. Review and act upon proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance

The Manager presented the Board of Selectmen with the latest edition of the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance.

The Selectmen and the Planning Board support the amendments and authorize the proposed changes be sent to the Town's attorney for review prior to scheduling a Public Hearing.

5. Review and act upon proposed Trailer and Trailer Camps Ordinance

The Manager presented the Board of Selectmen with the latest edition of the proposed Camper Trailer Ordinance. The Selectmen and the Planning Board both agreed that the ordinance required more work. Mr. Smith offered to do some research to find other examples of this type of ordinance. The proposed ordinance in its current form is not ready for attorney review.

6. Review and act upon proposed amendments to the Fire Department Service Billing Ordinance.

The Manager presented the Board of Selectmen with the latest edition of the proposed amendments to the Fire Department Service Billing Ordinance.

The Selectmen and the support the amendments and authorize the proposed changes be sent to the Town's attorney for review prior to scheduling a Public Hearing.

V. Legal:

1. Appointment of Sandra Mills to the Cemetery Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to appoint Sandra Mills to the Cemetery Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

VI. Written Communication:

1. Review a letter from Time Warner Cable dated March 4, 2015
2. Review the Fore Department Report for the period October 2014 to February 24, 2015.
3. Review the February 10, 2015 Planning Board Minutes.
4. Review the Treasurers Report thru March 11, 2015

VII. Verbal Communication:

Town Manager –

A written report on the Manager's activities was presented to the Selectmen

Chelsea's RSU #12 Representative –

NONE

Committees and Boards –

Mr. Pushard reported that the next meeting of the Small Community Consolidation Group was scheduled for March 16. The meeting was being held in Windsor at either the Town Office or School. Legislators from the area were being encouraged to attend.

Board of Selectmen –

Mr. Pushard – requested that all of the involved parties be invited to a future Selectmen meeting to make a decision on the issue of transportation to Cony High School.

Mr. Smith – wanted to make sure that Deb Sanderson our legislator from Chelsea was asked her opinion on the Gardiner and Hallowell

VIII. Executive Session: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard and seconded by Mr. Danforth to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

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

Benjamin Smith, Chair

Michael Pushard

Richard Danforth, Vice Chair