

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Wednesday March 22, 2017
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Mr. Danforth.

Selectmen present were Mr. Danforth, Mr. Pushard and Mr. Smith who arrived 6:41PM.

Others present included Scott Tilton, Howard Tuttle, Belinda Waterhouse, Richard DeVries, Molly Alexander, Alpha Williams, Laurie Williams, Jerry Nault, Rick Cote, Jared Heath, CJ Rideout and Lauren Rideout

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

III. Adjustments to the agenda:

No formal action was taken to make adjustments to the agenda.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 39 in the amount of \$ \$ 216,670.61
- B. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 40 in the amount of \$ 6,933.91
- C. Approval of March 8, 2017 Board of Selectmen 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 unanimous.

V. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

4. Assessing Issues

A corrective abatement was presented to the Selectmen for approval. The request was to abate the assessment on a trailer that was being assessed to Carolyn Morang. The trailer had been removed from the property prior to April 1st of 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to abate the 2014-15 value of 21,344 from account 1549 in the taxable amount of \$23.14 plus cost and interest. The vote was unanimous

2. Awarding the Boston Post Cane

After review of the information provided at the previous meeting by the Town Clerk and the passing of Esther Shaw prior to her selection as the oldest person in Chelsea. The Town Clerk presented the name of Gene West as Chelsea Oldest Resident. Records indicate that Gene is 91 years old.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Pushard to award Gene West the Boston Post Cane in honor of her being Chelsea's oldest resident. The vote was unanimous. Arrangements will be made to present Gene with the cane.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. RSU #12 2017-18 School Budget Presentation – Superintendent Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle, along with members of the RSU Board of Directors and staff presented the proposed RSU #12 school budget to the Selectmen and members of the public.

B. Old Business:

3. Ferry Road/Kennebec River Woodlot Harvest Plan – CJ Rideout

The Selectmen discussed harvesting operations at Chelsea's Kennebec River property with CJ Rideout. CJ was given a copy of the harvesting plan. No action was taken.

VI. Legal:

A. Tax Acquired Property Follow Up – Map 13 Lot 12

The Selectmen requested when Mr. Morang would be paying the taxes for the estate of Gilbert and Nancy Morang. He informed them that he would be in by March 29 at the latest. No formal action was taken.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

2. Establishment of a School Zone and No Parking Zone on Hallowell Road

The Town Manager introduced a plan to install School Zone Signs on the Hallowell Road on both sides of the entrance to the Stepping Stones Montessori School. There were complaints this past winter about vehicles being left out on Hallowell Road and the dangerous situation that created. The plan would include posting both sides of Hallowell Road at the entrance to the school “No Parking”. The Manager was asked to get more information. No action was taken.

3. Assessing Issues

a. Assessor Agent Workload and Contract Discussion

It is time to renew the Assessors Agent contract with the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen asked the Manager to ask the Assessors Agent to provide them with a list of her duties she been performing since she started work for Chelsea. No action was taken.

B. Old Business:

1. Legal Services RFP

The Manager required clarification on the issue of sending out an RFP for Town Legal Services. Opinions of the Selectmen still appeared mixed. No formal action was taken.

VII. Written Communication

- A.** The Selectmen reviewed the CEO Report for February 2017
- B.** The Selectmen reviews letter from Maine Natural Gas dated February 15, 2017
- C.** The selectmen reviewed Treasurer Report.

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A.** Town Manager - NONE
- B.** Boards and Committee - NONE

C. Board of Selectmen/Assessors

Mr. Pushard – expressed concern about building being located on a property off the Hallowell Road without permits and if the buildings were being assessed.

Mr. Smith – None

Mr. Danforth – has noticed a new business starting up on the River Rock Church property and was wondering where it was being located.

IX. Executive Session: NONE

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07PM. The vote was unanimous

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 12, 2017.

Richard Danforth

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith