

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
March 25, 2015
6:45PM, Chelsea Town Office**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

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

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

Others present: Scott Tilton, Howard Tuttle, Pamela Wiswell, Shawn Ramage, Andrew Doiron, John Merry, Paula Hutton, Judy Williams, Barbara Skehan, Skip Skehan, Deb Taylor, Hilary Holm, Belinda Waterhouse, Carol Belanger, Brooklyn Belanger and Molly Alexander

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 41 in the amount of \$ 993.40
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 42 in the amount of \$ 17,925.26
- C. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 43 in the amount of \$ 5,162.83
- D. Approval Board of Assessors March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- E. Approval of Board of Selectmen March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

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

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

III. Public Comment:

Molly Alexander was present to express her disappointment in the way a request she made to be reimbursed for the cost to replace her mailbox was handled. She stated someone at the Town Office had told her she would be reimbursed. The response she was given would have been inaccurate.

Paula Hutton spoke about the condition of the S. Dondero Road. The road is muddy and she fears that emergency vehicles would not be able to get to her residence.

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Annual Review and action on Municipal Audit and Management Letter
Ron Smith, Chelsea Auditor, called and asked to reschedule. No action was taken.

2. Spirit of America Tribute Nominations

The Manager suggested that the efforts be nominated for a Spirit of America Award.

- A.** Andy Doiron and his staff – Chelsea Backpack Program
- B.** Sharon Burns and Libby Doak – Chelsea Burying Grounds restoration, reclamation and research
- C.** Peter Hanson – Chelsea Historical Society – Donation of signs and granite benches

The Board of Selectmen wanted to review the manager's suggestions and perhaps make others prior to making a decision at a future meeting.

3. 2015 – 16 RSU 12 Budget Update – Superintendent Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle presented the Board of Selectmen and members of the public with an overview of the 2015-16 RSU 12 proposed budget. Board members and residents asked questions. Overall the budget has increased. Chelsea's portion increases by 3%. The Board thanked Mr. Tuttle for coming.

Chairman Smith received consensus on his request to move **(IV. Scheduled Items B. Old Items 2 and 3)** to this point in the meeting.

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

2. Proposal to provide Student Busing to Cony HS – Superintendent Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle presented the Board of Selectmen and members of the public with a proposal to bus Chelsea High School students to Cony High School. The cost could either be paid by the Town or the parents of the students needing transportation. Action on this item was tabled until the next meeting and giving the Selectmen an opportunity to review the item further at the budget workshop tomorrow night.

IV. Scheduled Items: continued

B. Old Business:

3. HS Student before and after school Transportation Proposal – Superintendent Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle presented the Board of Selectmen and members of the public with a proposal to pick up Chelsea High School students from their homes in the morning and drop them back home in the evening. The proposal provides the town with a contracted amount to pay. Action on this item was tabled until the next meeting giving the Selectmen an opportunity to review the item further at the budget workshop tomorrow night.

1. Review the Chelsea Fire Department Budget with the Fire Chief

Due to prior commitments, the Fire Chief has been unable to attend the regularly scheduled budget workshops. He was invited so that the Selectmen could ask questions and get the Fire Chiefs input before final review and recommendations by the Selectmen. No action was needed.

4. 2015 Summer Roads repair and maintenance plan discussion.

The Manager updated the Selectmen on the progress being made in developing this summer's road repair and reconstruction plan. A more formal plan will be presented to the Selectmen at the April 8th meeting.

V. Legal:

1. Motor Vehicle Recyclers Permit – Michael Geroux

Michael Geroux presented the Selectmen with an application for a Motor Vehicle Recyclers Permit. The recycling business will be conducted on land owned by Merle Geroux at 1316 Eastern Ave. (Map 11 Lot 78). Alternate CEO Jacki Robbins performed the required inspection and is satisfied that the location is suitable. There was one neighbor who expressed a concern about maintaining the current buffer areas and wanted to know about vehicle crushing at the site.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve Recyclers Permit for Michael Geroux at Map 11 Lot 78. The permit auto renews every year for five years unless it is revoked by Chelsea or the State of Maine. The vote was unanimous.

V. Legal: continued

2. Set date time and place for Annual Election and Open Town Meeting

The Manager presented to the Selectmen the most likely dates to hold the Annual Election and Business Meeting. The dates presented were Tuesday June 9th for the election and Thursday June 11 for the Business Meeting. The Selectmen wanted to review other possible dates and confirm the availability of the Chelsea school before making a decision at the April 8, 2015 meeting.

3. Reimbursement Request – Deborah Sandler - 26 Blanchard Road

The Manager presented the Board with a letter from Deborah Sandler. The letter requested reimbursement from the town for additional snow removal expense incurred by the property owner allegedly caused by the plow contractor. The Board took no action on granting the request.

4. Discuss and Review the Discontinuance of Spruce Lane

The Board discussed the steps that needed to be taken to discontinue Spruce Lane. The road is difficult to plow and it can be dangerous for plow trucks when entering Togus Road. There was no action taken at this time. It was decided that by the end of the three year plowing contract (May 2018) the town would have everything done to discontinue the road. This would include the discontinuance of Old Thomaston Road. No formal action was taken.

VI. Written Communication:

1. The Board reviewed the monthly letter from Time Warner Cable dated March 18, 2015
2. The Board reviewed the Treasurer Report as of March 25, 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 Small Community Consolidation Group met in Windsor. The meeting included around 40 people including local legislators. Mr. Pushard expressed some frustration with the inability to accomplish something as a group.

Board of Selectmen –

NONE

VIII. Executive Session: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on April 8, 2015

Benjamin Smith, Chair

Michael Pushard

Richard Danforth, Vice Chair