

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Chelsea Elementary School Cafe
6:30PM, April 9, 2014**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:44PM by Chairman Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Michael Pushard, Benjamin Smith and Richard Danforth.

Also present was Town Manager Scott Tilton, Ted Gardner, Barbara Skehan, Skip Skehan, Judy Williams, RSU 12 Superintendent Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hodgkin and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crockett

II. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve Accounts Payable Warrant #46 in the amount of \$ 219,051.74
- B. Approve Payroll Warrant #47 in the amount of \$ 6,090.63
- D. Approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting
- E. Approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2014 Executive Session

The January 22, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes were not ready to be considered.

The vote to approve items on the consent agenda was unanimous.

III. Public Comments: None

Mr. Smith requested the Selectmen to agree by consensus to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Tuttle to speak at this time instead of having to wait. Selectmen agreed to amend agenda.

VII. Verbal Communication:

- B. Departments, Boards and Committees:

Mr. Tuttle provided the Selectmen with a handout outlining how the proposed RSU 12 budget would affect Chelsea. Chelsea at this point could see a decrease of \$45,086 in its request from the school. This was encouraging news.

IV. Scheduled Items -

A. New Business:

1. Request from residents of Hideaway Acres Road to accept road as public way

The Selectmen discussed the possibility, with Cecil Crocket a resident in Hideaway Acres, of the road being accepted by Chelsea as a Town Road. The Selectmen expressed concern and further felt that the road was never intended to be a Town road when the developer got Planning Board approval.

No action was taken.

2. Digitizing the 2014 Property Tax Maps

The Town Manager introduced a plan to have the 2014 Tax Maps digitized. The cost would be \$2000 and would be done to update the current 2003 version. The Selectmen wanted some time to consider this before making a decision.

No action was taken.

B. Old Business:

1. Review and Act upon establishing a Tax Increment Financing District

After some general discussion, the Selectmen agreed to schedule an Assessors Meeting for April 30 at 6PM to discuss a TIF and other assessing matters.

2. Review and Act upon the Street Opening Ordinance

The Board conducted a third reading of the proposed Street Excavation Ordinance. The Planning Board has reviewed the ordinance and gave their support. The ordinance will be sent off for legal review. A Public Hearing and Certification will be accomplished at a future meeting

No action was taken.

3. Selection of the Chelsea Spirit of America Tribute recipient

The Board discussed the Spirit of America Award. A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Danforth to recognize the Chelsea Fire Department as this year's Spirit of America Tribute recipient.

V. Legal:

A. The Board reviewed two tax abatement requests.

1. Barbara James – The information needed to make a decision on this request was not available.

No action was taken.

2. Brian Wilson – Mr. Wilson had made a request to abate his 2012 Property Taxes. He has since paid the taxes for that tax year in full.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to deny the abatement request from Mr. Wilson due to the fact that the payments of the taxes make the request moot.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

B. Consideration of Michael Hodgkin's request to purchase Tax Acquired property back from town.

Mr. Hodgkin was present at the meeting to request that he be allowed to purchase back his recently Tax Acquired property.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Danforth to sell the property back to the former owner upon his paying all the taxes, costs and interest from 2012 to 2015 in full and issue a Municipal Quitclaim deed for same.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

C. Certificate of Settlement of Taxes in accordance with 38 M.R.S.A. § 763

The Tax Collector presented the Board of Selectmen with a Certificate of Settlement on the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax years.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to approve the 2009 through 2013 Certificates of Settlement with Tax Collector Scott Tilton.

The vote on the motion was unanimous

D. Certification of Chelsea Subdivision Ordinance

During the Public hearing on the Subdivision Ordinance there were certain changes that the Planning Board was asked to make. Until the changes can be made the Selectmen will not be able to certify the ordinance as ready for Town Meeting.

No action was taken.

VI. Written Communication:

A. The Board reviewed two letters sent to the Chelsea from Time Warner Cable.

The letter from Fairpoint Communication listed on the agenda was not included with other written communication.

VII. Verbal Communication:

A. Town Manager:

The Manager highlighted certain items on his written report.

B. Board of Selectmen/Assessors: None

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 8:47PM

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on April 23, 2014

Benjamin Smith

Michael Pushard

Richard Danforth