

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Wednesday April 12, 2017
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by Mr. Danforth.

Selectmen present included Richard Danforth, Michael Pushard and Benjamin Smith who arrived by 6:40PM.

Others present included Scott Tilton, Shirley Bartlett, Christopher Canning, Michael Searles, Merle Geroux, Jessica Sather, Molly Alexander, Greg Jolda and Gary Schaumburg

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

III. Adjustments to the agenda:

Move Scheduled Items New Business Item 3 to after action on Consent Agenda

Move Scheduled Items New Business Item 4 to after action on New Business Item 3

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 41 in the amount of \$ 6,038.30
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 42 in the amount of \$ 195,640.96
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 43 in the amount of \$ 9,537.25
- D. Approval of March 22, 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, C and D as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Smith absent).

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

3. Ad Hoc Conservation Committee Appointment(s)

a. Dorcas Miller

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Dorcas Miller to the Conservation Committee. The vote was 2 – 0 -1 (Smith absent).

b. Alec Giffin

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Alec Giffin to the Conservation Committee. The vote was 2 – 0 -1 (Smith absent).

c. Palmer Sargent

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Palmer Sargent to the Conservation Committee. The vote was 2 – 0 -1 (Smith absent).

d. Alfred Tobias

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Alfred Tobias to the Conservation Committee. The vote was 2 – 0 -1 (Smith absent).

4. Review Economic Development Leader Job Description

The Manager presented the Selectboard with a draft Economic Development Leader job description. The Selectboard will be adopting a recently finished Economic Development Plan. The goals of the plan are to promote and enhance economic development. A person working completely on economic development would be a benefit to Chelsea. No formal action was taken.

1. Worromontogus Lake Association

Representatives of the Worromontogus Lake Association presented the Selectboard with their plans for the Togus Stream Dam. The association is looking at ways to get Chelsea, Randolph and Augusta more involved in the construction of a fish ladder over the dam. No formal action was taken.

2. Disposition of Tax Acquired Property

The Selectboard were given a list of five properties in Chelsea that have been tax acquired. The prior owners and parties in interest of all but one of the properties were present to request an opportunity to buy the property back.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to dispose of property at Map 10 Lot 18 by selling the property back by Quit Claim Deed to the owner Micheal Searles in the amount of \$4,201.68. The vote was unanimous.

B. Old Business:

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

The Manager informed the Selectboard that the cost for the electric school zone sign with blinking yellow lights would be approximately \$10,000 for two lights. The Selectboard requested the Manager contact the owners of Stepping Stones Montessori School to determine her final intentions for additional parking and a cost sharing plan covering purchase and installation of regular school zone signs. No formal action was taken.

2. Selection of Spirit of America Award Recipient

The Manager informed the Selectboard that its recent recipient has stated he did not want to be recognized. The Selectboard did not have another name to put forward at this time. No formal action was taken.

3. Assessing Issue

The Assessor's Agent explained to the Selectboard that there were issues last April with Tree Growth valuations. There was discussion on renewing the Assessor's Agent contract that expires June 30, 2017. No formal action was taken.

VI. Legal:

A. Action to Hire an Appraiser to assist with discontinuance of certain roads

There was further discussion on plans to discontinue Old Thomaston and Spruce Lane. Bucklin Appraisal has agreed to appraise the number of properties involved for \$750 per parcel. A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to hire Bucklin Appraisal, to appraise properties located at Map 16 Lots 138, 140, 142, 144 and 146. The vote was unanimous.

B. Quit Claim Deed to Estate of Nancy D. Morang

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to issue a Quitclaim Deed to the appropriate estate following payment of all outstanding taxes and liens. The vote was unanimous.

VII. Written Communication

- A.** The Selectboard reviewed the CEO Report for March 2017.
- B.** The Selectboard reviewed the ACO Report for March 2017.
- C.** The Selectboard reviewed the report from the Chelsea Planning Board
- D.** The Selectboard reviewed the Maine Municipal Association - 2016 UC Fund Balance Report
- E.** The Selectboard reviewed the Town Clerk Report for March 2017

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. Town Manager - None**
- B. Boards and Committee –** Mr. Danforth reported that the RSU #12 Finance Committee met.
- C. Board of Selectmen/Assessors**
 - Mr. Pushard –** Requested an update on the progress made cleaning up Foreverinme business and status of an ordinance to control noise.
 - Mr. Smith –** Stated that Bill Perry had expressed an concern to him about the towns plan to harvest the wood from the it's lot on the Kennebec River
 - Mr. Danforth –** Reported on the judging of the Town Office design. Despite it being a difficult decision a winner was selected

IX. Executive Session:

A. Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (D) - Assessors Agent Annual Contract Negotiation – 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 8:56PM. The vote was unanimous.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on May 10, 2017.

Richard Danforth

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith