

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
April 13, 2016
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chairman Danforth.

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

Others present: Howard Tuttle, John Ferguson, Aaron Cooper, Ralph Hilton, Belinda Waterhouse, Zachary Freeman, Michael Peterson, Andy Peterson, F. Gerald Nault, Susan Sargent, John Plummer and Dao Latourneau.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Public Comment: NONE

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. RSU 12 Budget Review and Discussion

Jerry Nault presented a historical prospective of the RSU # 12 Budget beginning from the time of the consolidation and including the proposed budget for 2017-18.

Howard Tuttle presented an overview of the proposed 2017-18 RSU # 12 budget. Part of his review examined the increases or decreases by cost center and by building. Mr. Tuttle further explained that the full RSU #12 Board would be voting on this proposed budget on April 14 and the RSU Budget is tentatively scheduled for to be voted on May 19, 2016

Members of the Selectmen and public were provided time to ask questions which were explained by representatives of the RSU. The Selectmen encouraged the public to attend the RSU budget meeting and vote. No formal action was taken.

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

2. CEO Enforcement

b. 12 Sylvester Ave

The CEO explained that he had received a complaint about a malfunctioning septic system at 12 Sylvester Ave. Upon inspection of the site he explained that he was concerned and wanted to take steps to get a new system installed. He has written letters to the assessed owners and not received a favorable result. He was requesting that the Board back his future enforcement efforts including the involvement of the Towns Attorney.

John Plummer and Dao Latourneau, owners of 12 Sylvester Way, were in attendance to inform the Selectmen that a drainage easement obtained by the Town Manager and the subsequent drainage improvements made are the reason the septic system failed. Mr. Plummer stated that he felt the easement was illegally obtained as his permission was not obtained. The Selectmen requested the CEO continue to work with the property owners to get a site evaluator to design a septic plan and to review the drainage. No formal action was taken.

a. 15 Quail Run

The CEO explained that despite several visits and letters to the owner of the property at 15 Quail Run no response or progress was being made to clean up the property. The CEO requested that the Selectmen authorize the Town Attorney get involved and begin legal action. Instead of going directly to court the Selectmen requested the manager request the Town's Attorney to send a letter on behalf of Chelsea. No formal action was taken.

V. Legal:

2. Sale of Tax Acquired Property

The Town Manager explained to the Selectmen that Chelsea had recently tax acquired the property owned by Dorothy Ferguson. John Ferguson, son of Dorothy, explained to the Selectmen that his mother has passed away and provided the Selectmen with a death certificate and a hand written note from his mother outlining that her wishes were to have John reside in the trailer for as long as possible. Mr. Ferguson wanted to pay the late taxes and purchase the property from Chelsea. The Selectmen discussed the fact that there could be other family or a probated matter which Chelsea may not be aware. The Selectmen requested that the Manager review the probate record and bring the information to the next meeting for a decision.

II. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 43 in the amount of \$ 7,162.14
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 44 in the amount of \$ 205,383.22
- C. Approval of Board of Selectmen March 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
- D. Approval of Board of Assessors March 23 Meeting Minutes.

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

IV. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

1. Road Treatment Coverage

Due to the lateness of the evening, this item was not discussed or acted upon at this meeting.

V. Legal:

1. Old Hallowell Days

Permission for Old Hallowell Days Committee to use Buternut Park for their fireworks display had already been granted at a prior meeting. No further action was required

3. Tax Abatement

a. 2013-14 – Connie Morse Map 13 Lot 138 MH

Due to the lateness of the evening, this item was not discussed or acted upon at this meeting.

b. 2014-15 – Connie Morse Map 13 Lot 138 MH

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c. 2013-14 – Connie Morse Map 13 Lot 138 MH

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VI. Written Communication:

- 1. The Selectmen reviewed the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event Notice.
- 2. The Selectmen reviewed the CEO Report for March 2016
- 3. The Selectmen reviewed the Town Clerk Report for March 2016
- 4. The Selectmen reviewed Motor Vehicle, MOSES and Deputy Clerk Report for January, February and March 2016

VI. Written Communication: Continued

5. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Maine Local Roads dated March 29, 2016
6. The Selectmen reviewed the notice from the United Methodist Clothes Closet
7. The Selectmen reviewed the letter form MDOT dated March 10, 2016
8. The Selectmen reviewed the letter from TWC dated April 6, 2016
9. The Selectmen reviewed the Treasurers Expense and Revenue Reports as March 31, 2016

VII. Verbal Communication:

Town Manager – NONE

RSU # 12 Report – NONE

Committees and Boards – NONE

Board of Selectmen – NONE

VIII. Executive Session Action: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 27, 2016

Richard Danforth

Benjamin Smith

Michael Pushard