

**Town of Chelsea
Public Hearing and
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Wednesday May 24, 2017
6:30PM
Chelsea Town Office**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Selectmen present included Benjamin Smith, Richard Danforth and Michael Pushard who arrived at 6:43PM

Others present included Scott Tilton, Judy Williams, Lee Burns, Jeff Ellis, Nathaniel White and Bill Butler.

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:31PM by Chairman Danforth.

Jeff Ellis asked how the proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance differed from the current ordinance. It was explained to him that the proposed ordinance was created in order to meet current Maine requirements.

Mr. Danforth declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:36PM

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36PM PM by Mr. Danforth.

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

III. Adjustments to the agenda: NONE

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 49 in the amount of \$ 6,516.53
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 50 in the amount of \$ 11,733.63
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 51 in the amount \$ 18,533.89
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 52 in the amount of 6,143.74

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C and D presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1(Pushard)

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Waive cemetery lot sale residency requirement

The Selectmen have received two requests to purchase cemetery lots in Allen Cemetery to former residents of Chelsea. Both individuals have family currently buried in Allen. The lots they wish to purchase are next to family lots. The first request is from Randall Poulin who wants to purchase 5 lots. The second request is from Colleen Mercier who wants to purchase one lot. A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to authorize the exception to the ordinance to accommodate the sale of 5 lots to Randall Poulin and 1 lot to Colleen Mercier in Allen Cemetery. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1(Pushard).

2. Rename Meadow Dr. (off Cony Road) to Felix Lane

The Selectmen reviewed a request from the City of Augusta to change the name of Meadow Drive to Felix Lane. Currently there is a small section of Meadow Drive that has one Chelsea resident living along it. The change was requested by Augusta because a similar road name to Meadow exists in Augusta and is creating confusion.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to approve the road name change to Felix Lane. The vote was unanimous.

3. High School Busing Contract with RSU #12

The Selectmen were presented with a draft of the 2017-18 High School bus contract with RSU # 12. The new contract price is \$25,086.03. The Selectmen reviewed the contract and took no action until after the June 15 Town Meeting decides on the funding amount.

IV. Consent Agenda:

E. Approval of May 10, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to approve Consent Item E as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1(Danforth)

B. Old Business:

1. Tax Assessing Related Action

A. Assessing Contract renewal with Bartlett Assessing Services

The Manager presented a draft of the contract for Assessing Services. The Selectmen requested language be added to the contract stating that the contract would be agreed to only if the Town Meeting approved the funds on June 15. The Manager is to make the changes and review them with the Assessors Agent prior to being approved by the Selectmen.

2. Senior Citizens Building

The Manager explained that the Senior Citizens were no longer interested in donating their building to the Town. The new plan was to sell the building and donate the money to the Grange. No action was taken.

3. Ferry Road/Kennebec River Woodlot Harvesting

The Manager presented the Selectmen with his notes from his most recent meeting with Hallowell and Gardiner Water Districts. The Hallowell Water district has an easement to the property owned by Chelsea and the location of the planned wood harvesting. The Hallowell Water District listed its concerns over harvesting wood at the property. Chemical and fluid spills were the biggest concern expressed. In order for them for the harvesting to occur over the groundwater aquifer certain chemical responses and engineering needed to be done. All the requirements would make the harvest economically unfeasible. It was informally decided that the plan to harvest wood would not receive further consideration at this time.

4. School Zone signage on Hallowell Road

The Manager explained to the Selectmen that Carrie Gervais, owner of Stepping Stones Montessori School, has agreed to pay to purchase and install signs at each end of the school zone on Hallowell Road by the school. The Selectmen by consensus authorized the Manager to purchase the signs. There will be action at a future meeting to add the school zone and a no parking area to Hallowell Road.

VI. Legal:

A. Approval from Selectboard to undertake Code Enforcement legal action

The CEO presented the Selectmen with a request to initiate enforcement proceeding against David Coulombe and Raymond Rodrique, owners and Victor and Lorraine Lawrence as tenants. A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to authorize the CEO and Town Manager to engage legal counsel in the prosecution of an 80K land use violation against the owners and tenants at 1072 Eastern Ave. (Map 16 Lot 34). The vote was unanimous.

B. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Certification by Selectmen to Town Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to certify to the Town Clerk that the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is ready and able to be voted on at the Town Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

C. Animal Control Ordinance Certification by Selectmen to Town Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to certify to the Town Clerk that the Animal Control Ordinance is ready and able to be voted on at the Town Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

D. Storage of and Disposal of Putrescible Solid Waste and Junk Ordinance Certification by Selectmen to Town Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to certify to the Town Clerk that the Storage and Disposal of Putrescible Solid Waste and Junk Ordinance is ready and able to be voted on at the Town Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

E. Town Meeting Warrant Approval

The Manager requested the Selectmen review the warrant on last time before signing it tonight. No action was taken.

F. Appointment of Jean Grigsby to Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Jean Grigsby to the Conservation committee. The vote was unanimous,

VII. Written Communication: NONE

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. Town Manager – NONE**
- B. Chelsea’s RSU #12 Representative - NONE**
- C. Boards and Committee – NONE**
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors –
Mr. Danforth – reported on the May 18 RSU #12 Regional Budget meeting and vote.**

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 7:37PM. The vote was unanimous.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 14, 2017.

Richard Danforth

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith