

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
May 25, 2016
6:30PM, Chelsea Town Office**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

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

Selectmen present: Richard Danforth and Michael Pushard. Benjamin Smith arrived at 7:03PM.

Others present: Scott Tilton, Leonetta Burns, Leon Beaulieu, Kathy Beaulieu, Dawn Fecteau, Marc Fecteau, Libby Parr, Shawn Arbour, Elisa Ellis and Jason Ellis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Public Comment:

Marc Fecteau, Leon Beaulieu and Shawn Arbour – expressed their families serious concerns over the nuisance a neighbor is creating by pasturing goats, ducks and donkeys so close to theirs and other homes in the neighborhood. The neighbors are bothered by the noise the donkeys make at all hours of the day and night and the smell and flies the manure will generate now that warm weather has arrived. They were coming to the Selectmen to find out what can be done. The existing situation has each family wondering about the health conditions and the possible loss of value to their properties because of the property next door.

The Board of Selectmen requested that the Town Manager add the concern expressed by the neighbors tonight to the June 8, 2106 meeting agenda. The Health Officer, Animal Control Officer and Town Attorney will be asked to attend the meeting or at least provide a report including their input on how to best correct this situation

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 49 in the amount of \$ 5,763.53**
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 50 in the amount of \$ 15,282.61**
- C. Approval of Board of Selectmen May 11, 2016 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.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Searles Mills Cemetery Question

Leonetta Burns discussed her concerns over there not being a need for a deed to the Searles Mills Cemetery. She went on to add that she was concerned with how the deed was being obtained to Searles Mills and Hayes Hall. She expressed to the Selectmen that she would like to have separate deeds for each cemetery instead of them being combined into one deed. She was confident that a conflict of interest existed because of how the process was being done. The Board of Selectmen discussed the matter. They instructed the Town Manager to contact the Town's Attorney for advice and request that a separate deed be provided for Searles Mills and Hayes Hall. No formal action was taken at this time.

B. Old Business:

1. Tax Acquired Property Disposal

The Town Manager updated the Board of Selectmen on the two current tax acquired properties. Options on how to proceed with the sale of the Townhouse Road property was discussed. A letter was sent out to the three abutters asking them if they were interested in purchasing the property. No formal action was taken at this time.

VI. Legal: NONE

VII. Verbal Communication:

Town Manager – NONE

RSU # 12 Report – Mr. Danforth stated that the RSU #12 Budget was approved by voters at the May 19, 2016 vote at Chelsea Elementary. The next vote on the RSU budget will be by secret ballot June 14, 2016.

Committees and Boards – NONE

Board of Selectmen/Assessors – NONE

VIII. Written Communication:

- A.** The Selectmen reviewed a letter from TWC dated May 18, 2016
- B.** The Board reviewed a letter from Efficiency Maine dated May 2016

IX. Executive Session Action: None

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 22, 2016.

Richard Danforth

Benjamin Smith

Michael Pushard