

**Town of Chelsea  
Board of Selectmen Minutes  
June 10, 2015  
6:45PM, Chelsea Town Office**

**I. Call regular meeting to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13PM by Chairman Smith.

Selectmen present: Benjamin Smith and Michael Pushard. Richard Danforth was absent and excused.

Others present: Scott Tilton and Judy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**II. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 52 in the amount of \$ 5,415.01
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 51 in the amount of \$ 226,035.16
- C. Approval of Board of Selectmen May 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
- D. Approval of Board of Selectmen May 27, 2015 Executive Session Minutes.

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

**III. Public Comment: NONE**

**IV. Scheduled Items:**

**A. New Business: NONE**

**B. Old Business:**

**1. Limiting Access to the Cell Tower Property**

Rhonda Berube was present at the last meeting to request that road access to the cell tower be limited. The Selectmen had been to the site prior to the meeting. No action was taken

## **2. Personnel Policy**

The Selectmen decided to take additional time in the next two weeks to review the draft personnel policy and make changes to the areas they were most concerned. No action was taken.

### **V. Legal:**

#### **1. Tax Acquired Property**

The Manager reviewed with the Selectmen the status of certain parcels of tax acquired properties which the owners were trying to buy back from the town but are currently in arrears. The Selectmen reviewed the motions that were made when it was decided to allow the owners to buy back the property and determine if a better method existed in selling the property back.

##### **A. Tax Acquired Property Map 14 Lot 133**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to reconsider the vote taken April 23, 2014 to execute and convey by Quitclaim Deed the property back to previous owner upon payment of the property taxes through the 2014-15. Vote on the motion to reconsider was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to execute and convey by Quitclaim Deed the property back to the previous owner upon payment of the property taxes for the tax acquired 2011-12 tax year. Vote on the motion was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth). Motion passed.

##### **B. Tax Acquired Property Map 16 Lot 55**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to reconsider the vote taken August 20, 2014 to execute and convey by Quitclaim Deed the property back to previous owner upon payment of all the prior and current property taxes. Vote on the motion to reconsider was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth). Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to execute and convey by Quitclaim Deed the property back to the previous owner upon payment of the property taxes for the tax acquired 2011-12 tax year. Vote on the motion was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth). Motion passed.

**C. Tax Acquired Property Map 1 Lot 121**

The previous owner of this property had not been notified prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

**D. Tax Acquired Property Map 8 Lot 162**

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard that was seconded by Mr. Smith to execute and convey by Quitclaim Deed the property back to the previous owner upon payment of the property taxes including tax and interest for the tax acquired 2012-13 tax year. Vote on the motion to reconsider was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth). Motion passed.

**E. Tax Acquired Property Map 4 Lot 236**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to authorize the Town Manager to issue a notice of public sale and sell by sealed bid the property located at Map 4 Lot 236. Vote on the motion to reconsider was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth). Motion passed.

**2. Roadway Posting Ordinance**

The Town Manager reviewed his concerns regarding the status of roads already posted. The Selectmen requested that the Manager develop recommended weight posting limits for roads that he and the Road Committee determined needed to be posted before adopting the ordinance.

**3. Code Enforcement Action – Map 11 Lot 164 – Moody**

The Selectmen instructed the Manager to invite the property owner and the CEO to an upcoming meeting to discuss future action.

**4. Code Enforcement Action – Map 1 Lot 277 – Grimes**

The Selectmen instructed the Manager to invite the property owner and the CEO to an upcoming meeting to discuss future action.

**VI. Written Communication:**

1. The Board reviewed a letter from Time Warner Cable dated June 3, 2015.
2. The Board reviewed the Treasurers Report covering Expenses and Revenues as of May 26, 2015.

**VII. Verbal Communication:**

**Town Manager – None**

**RSU # 12 Report – None**

**Committees and Boards – None**

**Board of Selectmen – None**

**VIII. Executive Session Action:**

**2012 – 2013 Poverty Abatement Request –**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to deny the poverty abatement request for the tax year 2012 -13 on the grounds that the taxes for this year have been tax acquired and therefore can no longer be abated. Vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth).

**2013 – 2014 Poverty Abatement Request –**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to deny the poverty abatement request for the tax year 2013 -14 on the grounds that based on the financial information provided by the applicant, the applicant had sufficient assets to pay the taxes. Vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth).

**2014 – 2015 Poverty Abatement Request –**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Pushard to deny the poverty abatement request for the tax year 2014 -15 on the grounds that based on the financial information provided by the applicant, the applicant had sufficient assets to pay the taxes. Vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Danforth).

**IX. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on July 22, 2015

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Benjamin Smith, Chair

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Michael Pushard

\_Absent\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Danforth, Vice Chair