

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
July 8, 2015
6:45PM, Chelsea Town Office**

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:47PM by Vice Chairman Danforth.

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

Others present: Scott Tilton, Patricia Plante, Robert Plante, Simon Yorks. Jan Yorks-Wright, Barry Wright, Molly Briggs, Senja Briggs, Ken Sidelinger, Gladys Briggs, Bill Davenport and Roland Trask.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 56 in the amount of \$ 5,491.70
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 57 in the amount of \$ 13,672.81
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 01 in the amount of \$ 7,781.95
- D. Approval of Board of Selectmen June 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
- E. Approval of Board of Selectmen June 10, 2015 Executive Session Minutes.
- F. Approval of Board of Selectmen June 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
- G. Approval of Board of Assessors June 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, F and G as presented. The vote was 2 – 0.

No action on Consent Agenda Items D and E.

III. Public Comment: NONE

IV. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Election of Board Officers and Other Matters –

In the absence of Mr. Smith the Board took no action on this matter until Mr. Smith could be present.

2. Future Tasker Road Discontinuance –

Several residents of the Tasker Road were present. They expressed many concerns concerning the discontinuance of the Tasker Road. The process of road discontinuance was explained.

3. Fire Department Service Billing Fees –

The Manager explained that every year the Board of Selectmen is charged in the ordinance with setting the fees charged for rescue services.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to establish and hourly rate of \$150 for the engine trucks when deployed during a rescue and \$150 for the Squad Truck when deployed during a rescue operation. The minimum will be \$300 per hour when toned out. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Smith)

4. 2015 Tax Commitment Review –

The Selectmen were presented with various mil rate options to consider. Each results in a different amount of overlay and TIF Revenue.

In the absence of Mr. Smith the Board took no action on this matter until Mr. Smith could be present.

B. Old Business:

1. Economic Development and joining KVCOG

The Manager presented the Selectmen with a memorandum sent from KVCOG which outlined the work they did for both member and non-member communities. Some of the work they do involves helping communities create economic development plans. Chelsea is preparing to create an Economic Development Plan and the Selectmen expressed an interest in joining KVCOG and have them assist in writing the plan.

In the absence of Mr. Smith the Board took no action on this matter until Mr. Smith could be present.

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.

In the absence of Mr. Smith the Board took no action on this matter until Mr. Smith could be present.

V. Legal:

1. Nelson Road Pole Permit for CMP

The Manager presented the Board with a request from CMP for a Pole Permit on Nelson Road. According to the request and a visual inspection of the site everything was in order.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Pushard to issue a pole permit to CMP. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Smith)

2. Appointments to Vacant Positions

Several residents have expressed an interest in being appointed to the vacant positions in Chelsea. The appointments were reviewed by the Selectmen.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Maria Jacques, Nathan Grant, Allen Hallett and Palmer Sargent to a one year term on the Planning Board. The vote was 2 – 0.

V. Legal:

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Aaron Cooper, Edwin West and Nathan Grant to a one year term on the Budget Committee. The vote was 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Edwin West to a one year term on the Board of Assessment Review. The vote was 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Robert Drisko and Leonetta Burns to a one year term on the Board of Appeals. The vote was 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Leonetta Burns to a three year term on the Cemetery Committee. The vote was 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to appoint Randal Magee and James Goulet to a three year term on the Road Advisory Committee. The vote was 2 – 0.

3. Funding General Government

The Manager explained to the Board that the action taken to amend Article 10 to correct the appropriation error on Article 11 of the Town Meeting Warrant did not succeed in changing the outcome and that the amount approved of \$181,750 would be the amount budgeted for 2015-16. When more funds are needed additional action will be required.

4. Sale of Tax Acquired Property – Map 13 Lot 180

The Selectmen had authorized the Manager to ask the abutters if they were interested in buying this property. There is not enough land to build a home and so the lot is non-conforming. The Manager reported that he requested bids from two abutters. One of them offered \$900 for the property.

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Pushard to sell Map 13 Lot 180 by Quit Claim Deed to William and Shirley Reynolds for \$900. The vote was 2 – 0.

VI. Written Communication:

1. The Board reviewed a letter from Time Warner Cable.
2. The Board reviewed the Town Clerks Vital Records report.
3. A letter from Landmark Dividend was reviewed.
4. The invitation to the Open House for retiring MMA Executive Director Chris Lockwood was reviewed.

VII. Verbal Communication:

Town Manager – None

RSU # 12 Report – None

Committees and Boards – None

Board of Selectmen –

Selectmen Pushard stated that he was very pleased with the removal of the white pine on the Townhouse Road. The contractor that performed the job was very professional. He expressed concern over the amount of questionable activity going on at Butternut Park. He noticed the volume of traffic entering and leaving the park one day that he was test driving a personal water craft. He also wanted asked the Manager if he had been working with Pittston to consolidate winter plowing and sanding.

Selectmen Pushard recommended that the Manager contact Tim Doyle at Maine Motor Transport for insight into the permanent weight posting of Chelsea roads. He went on to request that he be notified when the contractor would be removing the old White Pine on the Townhouse Road. He requested that the Manager review the depth at which the new culverts on the Dr. Mann Road had been installed. He was concerned that there was not sufficient cover over them. He reminded the Manager to contact Pittston regarding the idea of Pittston and Chelsea alternate each year the plowing and sanding of Nelson and Patterson Roads.

VIII. Executive Session Action: NONE

IX. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Pushard and seconded by Mr. Danforth to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

Approved by the Chelsea Board of Selectmen on July 8, 2015

Absent
Benjamin Smith, Chair

Michael Pushard

Richard Danforth, Vice Chair