

**Town of Chelsea
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Wednesday September 27, 2017
6:30PM
Chelsea Town Office**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others present included Scott Tilton, Jeromy Cyr, Dwight Babcock, Hank Mastrianno, Judy Mastrianno, Molly Alexander, Judy Williams, Clifford Wilson and Carol Belanger

Call public hearing to order:

The public hearing on the discontinuance of **Old Thomaston aka Spruce Run and Old Route 17** was called to order at 6:33PM by Chairman Danforth.

A. Road Discontinuance

1. Old Thomaston aka Spruce Run and Old Route 17

Jeromy Cyr, a resident on Spruce Run, explained the financial hardship the discontinuance of Spruce Run would cause him.

Adjourn public hearing

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:41PM by Chairman Danforth.

Call public hearing to order:

The public hearing for the purpose of amending the General Assistance Ordinance was called to order at 6:42PM by Chairman Danforth.

B. General Assistance Ordinance

There wasn't any comment from the public on the proposed amendments.

Adjourn public hearing

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:42PM.

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:42PM by Chairman Danforth.

II. Public Comment on items not part of the agenda:

Hank and Judy Mastrianno asked if there was anything the town could do to slow the speed that vehicles travel across Stone Gate Crossing.

III. Adjustments to the agenda:

Move Agenda Item:

IV. Legal – A, B, C, D to after action on the Consent Agenda

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 12 in the amount of \$ 6,549.87
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 13 in the amount of \$ 32,120.47
- C. Approval of September 13, 2017 Board of Selectmen Minutes

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

VI. Legal:

A. Action on Discontinuance of Old Thomaston aka Spruce Run and Old Route 17

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Smith to Order the Discontinuance of **Old Thomaston aka Spruce Run and Old Route 17** both as a Public Way and as a Public Easement and to further order damages to the abutting property owners as follows: Jeromy Cyr - \$1.00, Howard Hopkins - \$1.00, Clifford and Rosella Wilson - \$1.00, Cecile Babcock \$1.00 and the Estate of Salvatore G. DeBiasse - \$4,000.00

The vote was unanimous.

B. Action on approving the amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices

A motion was made by Mr. Danforth that was seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the amendments and appendices to the 2017 General Assistance Ordinance for the period October 1, 2107 to September 30, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

- C. Board of Selectmen Annual Appointments to fill vacancies
 - 1. **RSU #12 Board of Directors**
 - a. Doug Crochere – Term to June 30, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to appoint Doug Crochere as Chelsea’s Representative to the Sheepscot Valley RSU #12 Board of Directors for the term expiring June 30, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

- D. Board of Selectmen Appointments to Statutory, Charter and Ordinance Positions
 - 1. **Budget Committee**
 - a. Carol Belanger – Term to June 30, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to the Budget Committee for the term expiring June 30, 2018. The vote was unanimous.

- V. **Scheduled Items:**
 - A. **New Business:**

- 1. **Amending the Tax Increment Financing District**

This item was not ready at this time for review and action by the Board of Selectmen.

- V. **Scheduled Items:**

- B. **Old Business:**

- 1. **Tax Assessing Issues:**
 - a. Property Tax Abatements

There were four tax abatements presented to the Board of Selectmen for action. However, due to lack of understanding of the new abatement format, The Board of Selectmen did not take any action.

- b. Property Tax Supplements: None

- 2. **Code Enforcement Issues: None**

- VII. **Written Communication:**

- A. The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Time Warner Cable dated September 21, 2017

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. Town Manager** – The Manager provided the highlights of his written report to the Board of Selectmen
- B. RSU #12 Board of Directors** – None
- C. Boards and Committee** – None
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors** – None

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that was seconded by Mr. Danforth to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Danforth declared the meeting adjourned 7:10PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on October 11, 2017.

Richard Danforth

Absent _____
Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith