

**Town of Chelsea  
Annual Town Meeting  
Minutes for Municipal Election/Town Meeting**

**Municipal Election – Tuesday, June 12, 2012  
Chelsea Town Office**

Present: Selectman Ben Smith, Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam, Election Workers Peter Hanson, Ron Gross, Ted Collins, Barbara Thompson, Shirl James and Sandy Soucy.

At 8:00 a.m. Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam read the warrant greeting followed by Article 1.

**ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.**

The Town Clerk asked if there were any nominations for Moderator. Ron Gross moved to nominate Peter Hanson as Moderator, seconded by Ben Smith. The Town Clerk passed out three blank ballots to three of the Election Clerks who then voted yes or no for the nomination of Moderator. All three ballots were counted by the Town Clerk; all three ballots were voted “yes” in favor of nominating Peter Hanson as the Moderator.

Peter Hanson was sworn in as the Moderator. Moderator Hanson then read Article 2 of the Warrant.

**ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Town Officer/Officials by secret ballot as set forth on the specimen ballot posted herewith:**

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - One Member - Three Year Term
- RSU#12 BOARD - One Member - Three Year Term, One One-Year Term
- PLANNING BOARD - One Member - Five Year Term, One Alternate Member - One Year Term
- APPEALS BOARD - One Member - Five Year Term, One Member - Three Year Term, One Alternate Member - Three Year Term

Absentee ballots were processed at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Ballots were hand counted with the following official results:

- Selectman: Linda Leotsakos 302 votes, Flavia Kelley 63 votes.
- SVRSU #12 (3 Year Term): Barbara Skehan 319 votes.
- SVRSU #12 (1 Year Term): John Begin 304 votes.
- Planning Board (5 Year Term): Craig Hitchings 280 votes.
- Planning Board Alternate (1 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in vote and declined.
- Board of Appeals (5 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in vote and accepted.
- Board of Appeals (3 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in vote and declined.
- Board of Appeals Alternate (3 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in and declined.
- Board of Assessment Review (5 Year Term): Rick Danforth 292 votes.
- Board of Assessment Review (4 Year Term): Peter Hanson 289 votes.
- Board of Assessment Review (3 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in and accepted.
- Board of Assessment Review (2 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in and declined.
- Board of Assessment Review (1 Year Term): Richard Condon Sr. won by write-in and declined.
- Board of Assessment Review Alternate (3 Year Term): Richard Condon won by write-in and declined
- Board of Assessment Review Alternate (2 Year Term): Richard Condon won by write-in and declined

*Total number of ballots cast was 422. And there were a total of 197 write-in votes counted.*

**Town Meeting - Thursday, June 21, 2012  
Chelsea Elementary School**

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Selectmen Linda Leotsakos, Mike Pushard & Ben Smith, Moderator Peter Hanson, Town Manager Scott Tilton, Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam and approximately 60 Chelsea residents.

Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam swore in Selectman Leotsakos and SVRSU #12 Board Member Barbara Skehan, both women were re-elected during the June 12, 2012 election.

Pledge of allegiance.

Selectman Leotsakos presented the Spirit of America Award to this years recipient Barbara Skehan and thanked her for her community service work in Chelsea and for her work as a member of the SVRSU #12 Board.

Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam read the town election results from June 12, 2012.

Moderator Hanson named four non-voters who were present; they were Town Manager Scott Tilton, Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam, Mike Rogers from Maine Revenue Property Tax Division and Assessor John O'Donnell. Moderator Hanson requested these non-voting individuals be given the right to speak during the Town Meeting. Motion made by Selectman Smith to grant the four non-voters the right to speak during the Town Meeting, motion seconded by Tim Coitron. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Fire Department Service Billing Ordinance" be enacted?**

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to enact an Ordinance entitled "Fire Department Service Billing Ordinance," motion seconded by Selectman Smith. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance" be enacted?**

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to enact the Ordinance entitled "Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance," motion seconded by Selectman Smith. Town Manager Tilton spoke briefly about this ordinance. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Culvert Ordinance" be enacted?**

Motion by Rick Danforth to enact the Ordinance entitled "Culvert Ordinance," motion seconded by Richard C. Condon. A brief comment was made by Dick Condon supporting the use of ABS Plastic culverts, otherwise no further discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Taxes" be enacted?**

Motion by Mr. Danforth to enact the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Taxes," motion seconded by Mr. Condon. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 7. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Regulating the Storage and Disposal of Garbage and Junk" be enacted?**

Motion by Selectman Smith to enact the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Regulating the Storage and Disposal of Garbage and Junk," motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. Discussion followed with residents asking for clarification of the ordinance, some felt it was vague in its description. Some residents

expressed concern if it would affect businesses; Selectman Leotsakos said this ordinance would not affect local businesses. Selectman Smith clarified the drafting of the ordinance. Several residents spoke in favor of the ordinance and that it would improve property value if it were to pass. At the end of discussion Moderator Hanson requested the vote be counted. There were 31 yes votes in favor of the ordinance passing and 28 no votes; motion passed.

**ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount from Undesignated Fund Balance sufficient to cover overdrafts for the 2011-12 fiscal year. (As of May 18, 2012 this amount is \$ 7,959.00).**

<u>(Accounts</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Insurance	\$ 2,653.00
Hatch Hill	\$ 1,100.00
Ambulance Services	\$ 1,207.00
General Assistance	\$ 2,945.00
Kennebec County Tax	\$ 54.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,959.00)</b>

Motion by Barbara Skehan to approve the transfer of \$7,959.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to cover overdrafts for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. A brief discussion followed, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount from the School Reserve Fund Balance sufficient to cover overdrafts for the 2011-12 fiscal year. (As of May 18, 2012 this amount is \$16,361.00)**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RSU #12(2010-11 Adult Ed.)	\$16,361.00

Motion by Mrs. Skehan to approve Article 9, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 from property taxes and to appropriate an additional amount not to exceed \$90,000 from the Wood Lot Account for a total of \$135,000 for the completion of a Town wide property revaluation. (The Wood Lot Account will be repaid as follows: \$45,000 will be budgeted to be raised and appropriated in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and the remaining balance not to exceed \$45,000 will be budgeted to be raised and appropriated in the 2014 -2015 fiscal year.)**

**Select Board Recommends: Yes**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: Yes**

Motion by Selectman Smith to approve Article 10, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$197,104 for General Government.**

*Account 10,11,12,13*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$187,715	\$200,604

**Select Board Recommends \$200,604**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$189,104**

Motion by Mr. Danforth to approve the Budget Committee recommendation of \$189,104, motion seconded by Mr. Coitrone. A brief discussion followed. Selectman Leotsakos moved to amend the motion and approve \$197,104 for general government. Moderator Hanson requested a vote for the amended motion to approve \$197,104, the motion was defeated with 22 yes votes and 31 no votes. Moderator Hanson then

requested a vote on the original motion to approve \$189,104 for general government, motion passed with 26 yes votes and 20 no votes.

**ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$27,350 for the Assessor's Office.**

***Account 14***

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$21,100	\$27,350
<b>Select Board Recommends \$27,350</b>		
<b>Budget Committee Recommends \$21,350</b>		

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to approve \$27,350 for the Assessor's Office, motion seconded by Selectman Smith. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$1,250 for Planning, Appeals Board and Charter Commission Expenses.**

***Account 16***

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$750	\$1,250
<b>Select Board Recommends \$1,250</b>		
<b>Budget Committee Recommends \$1,250</b>		

Motion by Selectman Smith to approve Article 13, motion seconded by Selectman Leotsakos. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$38,428 for Employee Benefits.**

***Account 18***

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$21,640	\$38,428
<b>Select Board Recommends \$38,428</b>		
<b>Budget Committee Recommends \$38,428</b>		

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to approve Article 14, motion seconded by Selectman Smith. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$180,390 for Winter Roads.**

***Account 20***

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$144,850	\$180,390
<b>Select Board Recommends \$180,390</b>		
<b>Budget Committee Recommends \$180,390</b>		

Motion by Mr. Danforth to pass Article 15, motion seconded by Charles Skehan. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$160,000 for Summer Roads & Bridge Maintenance including all paving projects.**

*Accounts 21*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$154,700	\$160,000

**Select Board Recommends \$160,000**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$154,000**

Selectman Leotsakos moved to approve \$160,000 for summer roads and bridge maintenance including all paving projects, motion seconded by Selectman Smith. A brief discussion followed, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$52,875 for Fire Protection Services.**

*Account 30*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
Operations	\$49,200	\$52,875

**Select Board Recommends \$52,875**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$49,200**

Selectman Leotsakos moved to approve Article 17, motion seconded by Selectman Smith. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$22,165 for Ambulance Services.**

*Account 34*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$20,808	\$22,165

**Select Board Recommends \$22,165**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$22,165**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 18, motion seconded by Mrs. Skehan. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$15,755 for Public Safety (PSAP / 911 Dispatch).**

*Account 31*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$15,755	\$15,755

**Select Board Recommends \$15,755**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$15,755**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 19, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

*Motion by Mr. Coitrono to combine Articles 20 – 24, motion seconded by Richard Condon, Jr. Selectman Leotsakos asked that discussion be allowed on each article if needed. Moderator Hanson asked for a vote, motion passed to combine Articles 20 - 24.*

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$25,200 for Workers Compensation, MMA Risk Pool, Public Office Liability, Fire Dept. Supplemental, and Unemployment Insurance.

*Account 32*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$22,000	\$25,200

Select Board Recommends \$25,200  
Budget Committee Recommends \$25,200

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$5,892 for Animal Control.

*Account 33*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$4,650	\$5,892

Select Board Recommends \$5,892  
Budget Committee Recommends \$5,892

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$24,620 for Code Enforcement.

*Account 35*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$24,600	\$24,620

Select Board Recommends \$24,620  
Budget Committee Recommends \$24,620

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$41,512 for Solid Waste Disposal.

*Account 36*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$38,500	\$41,512

Select Board Recommends \$41,512  
Budget Committee Recommends \$41,512

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$6,200 for Street Lights.

*Account 37*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$6,200	\$6,200

Select Board Recommends \$6,200  
Budget Committee Recommends \$6,200

Motion by Mr. Coitrone to pass Articles 20 – 24, motion seconded by Mr. Condon, Jr. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$23,000 for Capital Investments and Reserve Accounts.**

*Account 39*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$13,500	\$23,000
		<u>Budget Comm.</u>
Fire Station Reserve	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
Municipal Building	0	\$ 4,000
Town Office Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000
Salt/Sand Shed	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 13,500	\$ 18,000

**Select Board Recommends \$23,000**

**Budget Committee Recommends \$18,000**

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to approve Article 25 with the Select Board recommendation of \$23,000, motion seconded by Selectman Smith. Moderator Hanson asked if there was any discussion, Mr. Danforth then moved to amend the motion by approving Article 25 with the Budget Committee Recommendation of \$18,000, motion seconded by Mr. Coitrone. After a brief discussion, Moderator Hanson then asked for a vote on the amendment which passed with 29 yes votes and 22 no votes. With no further discussion on the Article, a vote was taken on the amended motion to fund this Article at \$18,000, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$5,000 for General Assistance.**

*Account 50*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$2,500	\$5,000

**Select Board Recommends \$5,000**

**Budget Committee Recommends \$5,000**

Motion by Mr. Condon to pass Article 26, seconded by Mr. Danforth. A brief discussion followed, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and appropriate from other sources not more than \$8,700 for the Cemetery/Park Operations.**

*Account 60*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	\$7,500	\$8,700

**Select Board Recommends \$8,700**

**Budget Committee Recommends \$8,700**

Motion by Mr. Coitrone to pass Article 27, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will appropriate not more than \$1,200 from Perpetual Care Funds to assist with the care and maintenance of cemeteries.**

2011/2012 (Budget)  
0

2012/2013 Request  
\$1,200

**Select Board Recommends \$1,200**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$1,200**

Motion by Mr. Danforth to pass Article 28, motion seconded by Mr. Coitron. A question was asked about what Perpetual Care Funds are, which was answered and explained by Town Manager Scott Tilton, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than a total of \$13,400 for the following charitable purposes, to be disbursed as follows:**

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>		<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
	<u>Select Board</u>		<u>Budget Comm</u>
Chelsea Grange	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 380
Goodwill Circle	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 380
Chelsea Youth League	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 912
Hubbard Free Library	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,925
Gardiner Food Bank, Chrysalis Place	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,540
Chelsea Food Bank	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 717
Chelsea Historical Society	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 380
Chelsea Senior Citizens	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 380
Family Violence Project	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 532
Hospice of Kennebec Valley	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 874
Senior Spectrum	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 950
Children's Center	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>
Total	\$11,800	\$ 12,300	\$ 9,350

**Select Board Recommends \$12,300**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$ 9,350**

Motion by Selectman Smith to approve the Select Board recommendation of \$12,300 (Selectman Smith also noted an error on the first line of Article 29 that requests the amount of \$13,40 and explained that the \$1100 difference is the amount now asked for in Article 30), motion seconded by Mrs. Skehan. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,100 from the funds received by the Town from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the All Seasons Trail Riders Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose. These funds are to be used for the maintenance of snowmobile trails within the Town and will be open to the public during the snowmobile season and used free of charge.**

(NOTE: During the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 the Town gave \$1,426. to the All Seasons Trail Riders Snowmobile Club for this purpose.)

2011/2012 (Budget)  
\$ 1,426

2012/2013 Request  
\$ 1,100

**Select Board Recommends \$1,100**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$1,100**



Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 30, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$31,750 for High School Transportation.**

*Account 40-18*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012 (Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>
Request	\$31,200	\$31,750

**Select Board Recommends \$31,750**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$15,875**

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to raise and appropriate not more than \$31,750 for reimbursement of High School Transportation costs, motion seconded by Selectman Smith. There was a brief discussion, Selectman Leotsakos stipulated that these funds should be paid as reimbursement for actual costs as substantiated and billed by RSU 12. It was agreed between Selectman Leotsakos and School Board Member Barbara Skehan that they would monitor this account, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$3,000 for Contingency. (Due to the many fiscal challenges facing the Town, the Selectmen feel it is in the best interest of the Town to appropriate funds to take care of unforeseen or unanticipated expenditures in 2012/2013).**

*Account 88-10*

<u>Local Taxes</u>	<u>2011/2012(Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>
Request	\$10,000	\$3,000

**Select Board Recommends \$3,000**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$3,000**

Motion by Selectman Smith to approve Article 32, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from ANTICIPATED NON PROPERTY TAX REVENUES to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2012-2013 as detailed below, or take any action thereon:**

<u>REVENUE TYPE</u>	<u>2011/2012(Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013 Request</u>
A. Auto Excise Tax	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
B. Boat Excise Tax	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
C. Building Permits	\$ 0	\$ 1,800
D. Plumbing Permits	\$ 0	\$ 1,900
E. Motor Vehicle Agent	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
F. Interest on Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
G. Lien Costs	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
H. Cell Tower Rental	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
I. State Rev. Sharing	\$ 160,000	\$ 187,000
J. GA Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
K. Local Roads Assistance	\$ 0	\$ 25,000
L. School Fund Balance	\$ 71,000	\$ 13,739
	\$ 556,000	\$ 582,239

**Select Board Recommends \$582,239**  
**Budget Committee Recommends \$582,239**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to pass Article 33, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Fire Department Service Billing revenues to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2012-13.**

<u>Request</u>	<u>2011/2012(Budget)</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>
	\$ 0	\$3,000

**Select Board Recommend \$3,000**

**Budget Committee Recommend \$3,000**

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to approve Article 34, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

*Motion by Mr. Coitrone to combine Articles 35 – 42, motion seconded by Richard Condon, Jr. Selectman Leotsakos asked that discussion be allowed with each article if needed. Moderator Hanson asked for a vote, motion passed to combine Articles 35 - 42.*

**ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Overlay of an amount not to exceed the State limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover abatements during the fiscal year.**

**ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the corresponding accounts/tax commitment.**

**ARTICLE 37. To see if the people of the Town of Chelsea will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to use unappropriated revenues from previous year's undesignated fund balances as necessary to offset the 2012/2013 tax commitment.**

**ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept grant monies from the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, Small Communities Grant, Emergency State, MMA Grant Program, FEMA Grant Programs, and any other grant sources available in 2012/2013 and to authorize the Selectmen to expend same.**

**ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for 2012/2013 Community Development Block Grant Programs. If approved, to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept and expend said grant funds to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.**

**ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds collected through various fund raising activities and donations and to authorize the Selectmen to expend same.**

**ARTICLE 41. To see if the people of the Town of Chelsea will vote to authorize the Officers to use the unexpended 2012/2013 balances as carried forward in the CDBG Rehab Reserve Account.**

**ARTICLE 42. To see if the people of the Town of Chelsea will vote to determine when the 2012/2013 tax list shall be committed to the Tax Collector, and to determine a date when taxes shall be due and payable and after which interest will accrue.**

**2012/2013 Recommendation:**

**Commitment Date: August 31, 2012**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Due Date: October 2, 2012**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Due Date: April 2, 2013**

Motion by Mr. Coitrone to pass Articles 35 – 42, motion seconded by Mr. Condon. It was noted and agreed that Article 35 and Article 46 are the same. Town Manager Scott Tilton explained that both of the

due dates are Tuesdays because the Town Office is closed on Mondays. No further discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on 2012/2013 taxes unpaid as of the due date at 7% APR. All checks will be credited as of the date the town receives payment.**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 43, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 44. To see if the voters of Chelsea will set an interest rate of 3% APR on abated taxes.**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 44, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply 100% of Excise tax revenues toward reducing the 2012/2013 tax commitment.**

Motion by Selectman Smith to approve Article 45, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Overlay of an amount not to exceed the state limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover abatements during the fiscal year.**

Motion by Mr. Danforth to dismiss Article 46 since it is the same as Article 35, motion seconded by Mrs. Skehan. No further discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property if sold, or to retain such property for town use if the Select Board decides this is more advantageous to the Town.**

Motion by Mr. Danforth to approve Article 47, motion seconded by Mr. Skehan. A brief discussion followed, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set the date and time of the next Town Meeting to approve the municipal budget for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 fiscal year.**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 48, motion seconded by Mr. Condon, Jr. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 49. To see if the Voters of the Town of Chelsea will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper and trust funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable.**

Motion by Mr. Skehan to approve Article 49, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

*Motion by Mr. Coitrone to combine Articles 50 – 52, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. Selectman Leotsakos asked once again that discussion be allowed on each article if needed. Moderator Hanson asked for a vote, motion passed to combine the Articles 50 - 52.*

**ARTICLE 50. To see if the Voters of the Town of Chelsea will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes.**

**ARTICLE 51. To see if the Voters of the Town of Chelsea will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account. The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing Voter approved programs.**

**ARTICLE 52. To see if the Voters of the Town of Chelsea will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions that the Board deems necessary and appropriate.**

Motion by Mr. Coitrone to pass Articles 50 – 52, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit as established by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the above articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.**

Moderator Hanson read Article 53. Motion by Alec Giffen to approve Article 53, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. Moderator Hanson requested a vote by secret ballot be taken as required by law, motion passed with 37 yes votes and 16 no votes.

Selectman Leotsakos reminded the residents that the Selectmen meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, the Selectmen’s Meetings are open to the public and their attendance is encouraged.

Motion by Selectman Leotsakos to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Mr. Danforth. No discussion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned sine die at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa J. Gilliam  
Chelsea Town Clerk