

**Town of Chesterfield  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
April 25, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Others in attendance were Board members Elaine Levlocke, Jim Larkin and Administrator Rick Carrier.

**Appointment**

- Barbara Girs (unscheduled)

Girs advised she would like to get a dog program in the Town Clerk's office computer. This would enable her to reduce duplicating effort and producing reports more easily.

The Board agreed that she could investigate options and costs.

**For Signature**

- Manifest #17
- Selectmen minutes – April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Intents to cut – Kwader + Cersosimo
- Yield tax certificate – Kwader
- Timber tax warrant
- Yield tax warrant
- Appointment paper – library trustee
- Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement

Van Houten gave an overview of the agreement. The grant is for matching funds to update OEM equipment for a package to include a smart board, podium, projector and computer. The Board agreed to the EMPG agreement, signed it and it was notarized by Ross.

**For Discussion**

- Colony Conservation Easement

McKeon read the questions from the Board and the answers from Rocci, Monadnock Conservancy with regard to the conservation easement.

**1. Who will the Town of Chesterfield make the check out to?**

The check would be made out to the closing agent for all the parties. The check would go into an escrow account with the other funds needed to purchase the easement and will cut checks to the Colonys at the closing.

**2. Who will end up owning the property when we hand the check over?**

The funds are only purchasing the easement. The property will be sold to another private owner. It is expected that the buyer will be Forecastle Timber.

**3. The 250 ft buffer area around the pond appears to encroach upon Prouty Rd; would Prouty Rd be able to be maintained and if so what restrictions would there be if the town was to change the classification?**

The buffer placed around the pond does not affect Prouty Road. Prouty Rd as a public ROW cannot be encumbered with the easement restrictions and as such can be upgraded if the town were to change the classification. The easement does allow the owner of the property to make improvements to the road corridor to assist in forestry activities.

**4. What is the status of motorized vehicles on the property?**

Motorized access is not a right that the easement implicitly grants to the public. Because of the funding we are ensuring permanent pedestrian public access to the property as well as the right to access the land for hunting. The land is still private property and any future landowner can post against motorized access if they want to. This does not mean that motorized access who automatically be denied to the public but is up to the landowner to make that call.

McKeon advised that the Board hasn't received the final easement agreement; when they do it would be sent to the Town attorney for review.

Will Vogeley asked about fire suppression with the motorized vehicles accessing the road. McKeon stated that it is his guess that it would fall under emergency services and they would go where they needed to.

Van Houten asked if the only thing the Town got for the \$100,000 is the conservation easement. McKeon advised that the property cannot be developed and that restriction would remain for in perpetuity. Transferring the property would not change the conservation easement. Carrier advised he would have maps showing the parcels next week.

➤ Monthly meeting email

The Board reviewed and approved the email. McKeon asked that the June email include the special meeting at the Town Hall for the DES/SLA meeting.

➤ Abatement application

The Board reviewed John Hatfield's recommendation to grant the abatement for the Eaton property on Route 9A.

*Levlocke moved to grant the abatement request per Hatfield's recommendation.*

Larkin stated he thinks that Commerford, Neider & Perkins assessment are too high to begin with and he would not second the motion. In his opinion if the assessment was where it should be there would be no need for abatement.

*McKeon seconded the motion, which carried by majority vote (Yes: Levlocke and McKeon No: Larkin)*

➤ Harpoon Brewery Ride

The Board reviewed Harpoon Brewery's request to use Chesterfield as a water stop on their ride. This has been approved previously. There had been one incident when chemical toilets were not delivered on the scheduled day; however, they made it right by compensating the janitor for the extra clean up. The Board was all in favor of granting the request.

➤ Selectmen project list

McKeon presented copies of the list for the Board to review. Larkin stated he would have more information for the newsletter next week. Levlocke stated the CIP and farmers committee should be included together. Carrier will put the list in order of the start dates.

➤ Old Business

Road projects – McKeon presented the project list noting 6 roads that need more than maintenance but are in trouble structurally. Streeter Hill Rd – an engineering report with the cost of repair and engineering costs will be given soon. River Rd has had a temporary fix. The repair is moving up the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) list and if things stay as they are it is hoped that that it would be done in 2 years. Mountain Rd has had stop gap measures taken to save the road from Irene's damage. The list is prioritized with the more needy roads first. This will fit into the CIP. There is Capital Reserve Funds available for these roads; however, less than what would be needed.

Van Houten suggested that the Commissioner of Rivers should be involved with the issues on the Connecticut River. McKeon stated that the problem is with the dam and having the water go up and down deterring vegetation from growing on the banks. He stated that under the CT River Act of 20 - 30 years ago states that the ACOE is responsible and would be participating in the 80/20 costs. The 20% Town portion will be huge.

Committee membership – McKeon advised that Sean Graves will be working at the Town beach this summer so will not be a P&R Comm member. Larkin was to ask if John Melvin would be interested. The Planning Board still needs an alternate.

Perambulation – Steve Hardy has volunteered to do the Winchester boarder. The Town has not heard back from Winchester. McKeon asked that Carrier try one more time to contact them.

Wheeler property – Carrier advised that all disclosures have been signed and Michalovic will be coming tomorrow to view the property, put up the "for sale" signs and review the property file.

Rounds Rd – McKeon advised he spoke with the property owner and there is a possible agreement that could be reached with arrangements for a signed agreement. The proposal is that the Town would initially dress the area to have the turn around that would benefit the Town and the owner. In the spring clean up would be done to push back the gravel.

➤ Other business

1. Van Houten stated that Jeff Chickering needs information regarding the funds available in the EMPG grant for pagers. She asked that Larkin get the figures to Chickering.
2. Levlocke stated she attended the first Selectboard Institute meeting and found it very beneficial.

➤ Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

*Levlocke moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Larkin seconded the motion, which carried.*

*Larkin moved to adjourn from nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Levlocke seconded the motion, which carried.*

**Information**

- Forest Ranger appointments
- NH Dept of Safety cyber alert
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

**Adjournment**

*With no other business to conduct, Levlocke moved to adjourn, Larkin seconded and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross  
Secretary

Approved by:

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Jon P McKeon, Chairperson

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Elaine H Levlocke

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James M Larkin

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