

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
February 29, 2012**

Call to Order

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

Appointments

➤ 6:30 Wayne Dingman

Dingman was present with Helaine Iris and Jeremy Youst all residents of Stones Mill Rd. Dingman advised that the property owners maintain the Class VI road. There is to be 250 acres logged on that side of Pisgah and they were concerned with damage done to the road due to logging trucks. He asked what they could do to make sure the State would restore any damage to the road; what protection do the property owners have.

It was noted that the Class VI road is owned by the Town. McKeon stated perhaps a bond could be obtained. He stated it is in the interest of the property owners and the Town to protect the road.

Carrier advised that when the State did logging in Winchester 2 public hearings were held prior to the logging. He suggested they contact Ken Desmarais, DRED, as he would be involved in putting it out to bid. Dingman advised he would contact DRED.

Dingman understood that when they took over maintaining the road the property owners contributed to the maintenance. Now with the State getting revenue from the logging they could contribute to the maintenance. Dingman asked if the Town received anything from the State for the parks. Carrier advised the Town gets \$5,000 from the State in lieu of taxes for the 3 State parks in Town.

Dingman asked what it would take to build the road up to Town specifications for the Town to take over the road. McKeon stated they could petition for it at Town Meeting; however, it is too late for this Town Meeting.

Emery stated he is concerned that the State would hire a logger and then not be concerned with the road condition.

➤ 7:00 Bart Bevis

Bevis advised that budget wise for this year they have saved on overtime costs until this storm. They are 23% down for OT from last year; 2.5% down on salt, up 2% for

sand/gravel because of the early mud season. They are even on repairs. Last year at this time they had spent \$139,273 and this year they have spent \$122,000.

Emery asked about the Castle/Gulf Rd project and the encumbrances of \$43,744 to continue the job as well as the encumbered funds of \$39,000 for resurfacing and \$8,000 for guardrails. The Budget Committee questioned when these funds would be used and if they should be encumbered or closed out. He stated if they couldn't get the work done last year how will they be able to do it this year.

Bevis advised that last year the weather hindered work in 2011 so the funds were encumbered to do the work in 2012. Bevis noted that some paving is outside labor and all they do is the flaggers. This frees up the department to handle their regular duties.

Bevis stated that he would contact Warren from M&W regarding the engineering for Streeter Hill Rd.

Valley Park culvert – Bevis advised there is a 24 in x 72 ft long culvert that needs work. He got an estimate to have it slip lined for \$16,000 - \$18,000. This would cover material, labor and equipment. Bevis stated there are underground services and the service pedestal is near the culvert. He also got a quote to replace the culvert for \$5,694 which would include the pipe and labor. The Board agreed that would be the way to go.

Rounds Rd – Bevis advised that David Mann has researched the road. The road was never taken through the process. There is no record that the Selectboard ever did anything but the Town has been maintaining it. There had been a verbal agreement between Davis and the Rounds to turn around on their property. When the property was sold the owner didn't agree to the arrangement. Bevis will leave a copy of the information he has from Mann tomorrow. He stated there needs to be a plan on how to handle the road maintenance.

Sweeper truck – Bevis advised that Chesterfield purchased the truck with Winchester and Hinsdale. He stated they have put more money into it than it is worth. Winchester and Chesterfield want out of the agreement. HP Fairfield has given a worth of \$3,000 for the truck. If the Board approves he would like to get the \$1,000 for the Town's portion of the truck. The Board agreed and authorized Bevis to proceed.

2001 Truck – The truck is to be traded this year. It should have gone last year but was in better shape than the 2003 which was replaced.

Spofford Lake Dam – Emery asked if boards should be put in to bring up the level due to the low snowfall. Bevis stated he takes direction from the Board. Carrier stated they usually check mid April and he believes the April rainfall will bring the lake back up.

- 8:00 Jacob Morely

Katherine Partington, Producer, was present with Morely to discuss using the Town Hall as a staging area for the 40 crew members to use during the shooting of Northern Borders for a day at Madame Sherri's.

McKeon asked how many vehicles there would be expected on Gulf Rd. Partington stated there would be a 10 x 14 grip truck and a small truck. The crew could be shuttled over from the Town Hall. McKeon stated his concerns were the number of vehicles taking up space at the park and the public who may want to use the park. He also stated this would be during mud season.

McKeon asked what the Town Hall would be used for. Partington stated food would be brought in to serve to the crew and it would be a warm space for the crew. There would not be any storage of equipment at the Town Hall. McKeon stated his concern was for the life span of the hardwood floor. Partington stated they are very respectful and would accommodate the Town by putting cardboard down to protect the floor or take their shoes off. The Board advised they would want the hall to be left clean and things put away. There is \$100 deposit that would be returned after the hall is inspected. Emery stated he presumes they want the fee waived. Partington stated they would be grateful for that.

Partington stated they would be contacting Tom Duston about using Madame Sherri's. McKeon stated that the decision would be the Selectboard's but they would consider Duston's recommendation.

For Signature

- Manifest #9
- Selectmen minutes – Feb 22nd amended minutes were signed.
- Deputy Boat Registration Agent

For Discussion

- Kwader Supreme Court decision

Carrier advised that in response to the Supreme Court decision in favor of Kwader, It is his interpretation of the process that Kwader will now have to apply to the Planning Board to create the one lot subdivision.

- Monthly meeting email

The Board reviewed and approved the email.

- Selectmen project list

Major road projects for CIP – McKeon advised that Bevis has funds to start the preliminary engineering on Streeter Hill Rd.

➤ Old Business

Perambulation – McKeon to contact Denison of Keene.

Wheeler property – Carrier advised that Tom Forest has done the perc test and will be sending the completed report next week.

➤ Other business

1. Carrier advised that the arrangements are being made for the transfer of the tax deeded property. Crocker is working on the Town's end and Howard Lane is the Mousette's attorney. The process should go quickly.
2. Carrier advised he has received checks from Primex for the time lost due to the Worker's Comp claim. He asked how the Board wanted to handle it because he is on salary. It was agreed that the checks would be deposited into the Workers' Comp reimbursement line.
3. Levlocke advised that the Spofford Fire Dept Assoc has purchased a Ranger. This will be helpful fighting fires similar to the one on Mt Wantastiquet as it will now be a part of Mutual Aid.
4. Emery stated the Budget Committee wrapped up at their meeting last evening. Overall there was an increase of less than 2% in the operating budget and the warrant articles.
5. McKeon stated the Planning Board is getting busy. They have received an application from Tire Warehouse. McKeon asked about the Martini property and stated they should have an Alteration of Terrain Permit as it looks like over 100,000 sq ft of the lot has been disturbed.
6. McKeon stated he has emailed a copy of the draft easement agreement for the Colony conservation easement for the Board to review.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon P McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Clifford D Emery

Date

Elaine H Levlocke

Date