

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
March 14, 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 Jeremy Lorenz

Lorenz was present to discuss the damage done to the blocks on his property while plowing was done to keep the lake hydrant available to the fire trucks. Lorenz stated 2 blocks were chipped and one was displaced. He presented pictures of the damage.

Nowill, the previous owner, had the blocks put in for the retaining wall to give a parking area for fire trucks to access the hydrant. Lorenz stated he hasn't gotten any response beyond the Selectmen's letter of June 15, 2011. He advised there is no deeded easement given to the Town or the Spofford Fire Dept.

McKeon stated the Board would speak with the Spofford Fire Dept. He advised he is pretty sure they don't want to lose that access. Lorenz stated he is at a point that he would like the hydrant removed.

McKeon stated that even though the Town plowed he thinks it is the responsibility of the SFD. Lorenz stated he thought it was a Town issue because it was a Town employee driving the Town truck. McKeon stated the Board would speak with the SFD and would get back to Lorenz.

Levlocke advised she would go to the Spofford Fire Commissioners meeting next week. She suggested that if the blocks were damaged by the Highway Dept perhaps there could be cost sharing with the SFD.

➤ 8:00 Lester Fairbanks

McKeon stated the Board asked Fairbanks to come in to discuss the Keene armored vehicle so that when they are asked questions they would be informed. Fairbanks stated it developed in 2010. The agreement calls for the town to contribute \$100 annually to sign on. He apologized for the position McKeon found himself.

Fairbanks stated that it was not up to the area Chiefs if Keene got the vehicle but for \$100 annually Chesterfield would have access to the vehicle. This covers the cost of the deductible if there are insurance claims and maintenance of the vehicle. Keene

would cover the insurance costs. He looked at the expenditure as a balancing act between cost and having the vehicle available and saw it as a no brainer.

Fairbanks stated that the Town could back out of the agreement and if we had a man down in Chesterfield they would come to help fellow officers but it could open up Chesterfield to liability. \$100 is a cheap price to have access to the vehicle. His department would all be trained on the vehicle. The Town could withdraw in writing at anytime. Levlocke stated for \$100 we should try it.

Levlocke asked Fairbanks about the PD Secretary's job description. He stated he would have it to the Board next week.

Fairbanks advised that all the background checks are done for Todd Faulkner; however, he has applied for the Hinsdale Police Chief position. If Faulkner doesn't get the job he may come here for a part-time position.

Fairbanks advised they have been training at the Fish & Game. Sanctuary is in charge of the firearms training. They will do it 4 times a year in different temperatures and times of day as this affects accuracy.

Fairbanks stated they will have to buy a cruiser next year.

For Signature

- Manifest #11
- Selectmen minutes – Mar 7th
- Cemetery Deed - LaFontaine
- Appointment papers
- Payroll change notices

For Discussion

- Transfer Station employee – nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

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

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

- Town code enforcement car maintenance

Greenwood had advised that the car needs new brake pads. He had taken it to 2 places and Custom Driveshaft quoted \$130 to do the job. The Board agreed to have it done.

➤ Wheeler lot perc test

The Board reviewed the perc test report from Tom Forest and the map showing the building envelope with the proposed septic system location. The lot would accommodate a 2 bedroom house with regard to the septic.

Emery state he would like to see the new Selectboard pursue selling the lot.

➤ Rounds Road report

Bevis had suggested the Board consider taking a portion of the road as a Town road as they have been maintaining it and put in a hammer head as a turnaround for the Highway Dept to turn around. The Board asked that Bevis come in to further discuss what to do and why. The Board would like information from LGC legal.

➤ Town Meeting notification postcard

The Board reviewed the postcard that Newcomer had given as an example on how to notify the Town of important meetings.

Carrier suggested having a page of the articles with the changes and why the changes were proposed would be helpful to voters. He knows we can do a better job next year.

McKeon stated perhaps do postcards every 3 months. Carrier suggested doing it once with all the important dates. The item will be put on old business.

➤ Selectmen project list

Spofford Place – the Board reviewed the note that Liptak and the EPA are in the process of reviewing the methodology Ransom Environmental will be using for Electrosonics. He thinks the earliest they will be out on the site is late March.

Highway overtime policy – Emery encouraged the Board to keep going on this issue. He also suggested the Town hold onto the former PD building because the land would be very important with the sale of the other 2 lots as the PD lot has 10 parking spaces for the Electrosonics site. The down Town of Spofford cleanup is important to him and he encourages the Board to keep going.

➤ Old Business

Wheeler property – Landvest has a packet together for the sale of the property.

➤ Other business

1. Emery advised that the ice is out of the lake. He asked that boards be put back in as it usually is done when the ice is out. He stated there are a lot of rocks showing and the lake needs to recover for the summer. The Board agreed to put a foot of boards back in. It was also noted that Pam Walton has called with the lake levels.

The Board agreed to ask Walton and Tracy to send a letter so a policy agreement could be made.

2. Ross with bring Kristin McKeon's letter of interest to the ZBA chair if Levlocke is not available due to the Chesterfield Fire Annual District meeting.
3. McKeon gave an update on the Spofford Lake Education Comm. He stated a letter would be sent out to Spofford Lake and Connecticut River property owners to inform the property owners on the water quality issues. He advised he will discuss with Carrier to set up links on the website to DES making the links easy to access information. He also stated they propose creating a new town ordinance that would mirror the State's regulations. The reason for this is to educate the owners and make sure they are informed regarding State restrictions for tree cutting along Shoreland. It would also enable Greenwood to have a better ability to enforce the regulations.
4. Carrier advised the tax deeded property on Route 9 has been sold and closed on Friday, March 9th. Emery congratulated Carrier for his handling the sale and closing of the property.
5. Emery reminded the Board to have the Town Office balancing completed.
6. Emery will be emailing Tom Duston regarding the 5 pieces of tax deeded property he was going to have conservation easements on.
7. Emery encouraged the Board to keep the Spofford PD building land with or without the building to make the sale of the other parcels more valuable.
8. Levlocke advised she will try to make it to the PD meeting on Tuesday, March 20th at 1:00 pm.

McKeon and Levocke thanked Emery for his work on the Board. Among other issues his research on Camp Spofford helped the Town tremendously.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon P McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Elaine H Levlocke

Date

James Larkin

Date