

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
March 7, 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 Mike Bentley

Mike Bentley, Moderator for Town Meeting, was present to discuss the meeting procedures.

1637 Route 9, Spofford – Bentley advised Howard Lane had requested what is the status of the deed and closing as the Mousettes are prepared to close. Carrier advised that Lane had approved the deed drawn up by Jeff Crocker. The Board signed the deed and Ross notarized it.

Carrier advised he would be available on Friday, March 9th to be present for the closing. It will be held at the office of Lane and Bentley.

For Signature

- Manifest #10
- Selectmen minutes – Feb 29th
- Auditor services correspondence
- Blake correspondence
- Bill of Sale – sweepster
- Welfare lien
- Property deed for 1637 Route 9, Spofford
- Real Estate declaration of consideration with regard to 1637 Route 9, Spofford

For Discussion

- Colony property easement

The Board had reviewed the amended easement document. Items noted were that Monadnock Conservancy would be the primary executor and Chesterfield would be the 3rd Party Right to Enforce and could bring up concerns to the Executor.

It was noted that the agreement states that only during logging operation areas that are being logged may be posted.

Emery expressed his concern that the Town is paying for the conservation easement for \$100,000. Why should the Town put tax payers' money into the project when the Town will not own the property. He pointed out the other conservation easements surrounding the Colony property were not purchased; however, conservation funds were used to help with the legal costs.

Emery stated that the only ones benefiting are the Colony family and Forecastle so why should the Town pay \$100,000. McKeon stated the town gets a large parcel of land that will not be developed. He stated there were many emails from those who overwhelming support the purchase of the easement. Emery stated they were in favor of the conservation easement but were they in favor of spending the \$100,000 without owning the property. The emails were reviewed and the majority of the emails noted the conservation easement purchase for \$100,000.

Emery stated why spend the money if we don't own it. McKeon stated the Town gets a guarantee that the land would not be developed. He believes the conservation easement would not have been done without the \$100,000.

McKeon moves to expend \$100,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Colony property for the purpose of purchasing the conservation easement contingent on the final acceptance of the easement agreement with the Town listed as the holder of executor interest with 3rd Party Right to Enforce. Levlocke seconded the motion.

Levlocke asked if there could be something in place that the Town would get money reimbursed if the easement were condemned or terminated. She will follow up with Rocci Aguirre, Monadnock Conservancy with this question.

Vote: 2-Yes: Levlocke and McKeon; 1-No: Emery

➤ Spofford Fire Precinct janitor

Spofford Fire Comm asked if the Town could include Aimee Bruch's cleaning of the Fire Station as an employee of the Town and bill the Precinct for her time as she does not have her own liability insurance and already works for the Town. Carrier called LGC and legal advised an agreement should be reached that would hold the Town harmless for any actions caused by Bruch for work performed at the precinct. In addition, both the Town's and precinct's property liability insurance carriers should be made aware of this arrangement.

Carrier asked how the Board wanted to proceed. McKeon wanted to make sure the precinct could satisfy the Town's requirements recommended by LGC. Levlocke would like clarification if Bruch does general cleaning or is it just for functions. She would contact the commissioners. The Board agreed that Carrier could pursue the possible arrangement.

➤ Red Clover Rovers Running Club request

The Board reviewed the request of Gary and Christine Montgomery, Race Directors, to use the grounds around the Chesterfield Fire Station on Sunday, September 16th for their annual Pisgah Mountain 50K and 24K Trail Races. The proceeds from the race benefit the Special Olympics Program. They also donate a small portion to Friends of Pisgah.

It was noted that this is the same weekend as the Chesterfield School Foundation but Emery stated they could work together as the annual dinner/auction is on Saturday and the race is on Sunday.

Emery moves to approve the request to use the grounds around the Fire Station. Levlocke seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ ZBA Committee membership request

The Board reviewed the letter of interest from Kristin McKeon to serve on the ZBA. McKeon recused himself. Levlocke and Emery approve. It will be discussed again next week.

➤ Rounds Road report

The Board received the report submitted by David Mann regarding the status of Rounds Road. They will review it over the week and will discuss it next meeting.

➤ Town Meeting preparation

Carrier reminded the Board to bring their budget notebooks. The benefits and salary of the Town Administrator and Selectmen's Secretary will be available.

➤ Selectmen project list

Business development group – McKeon advised he has most of the material and will get copies to the Board members.

➤ Old Business

Committee membership – Graves was to get back to McKeon by the end of March. Kristin McKeon's letter of interest will be brought to the ZBA Chair.

Wheeler property – The Town hasn't heard back from Tom Forest yet. McKeon will call Landvest again.

Shoreland Protection Ad Hoc Comm – they are meeting tomorrow. Ross will cover as the secretary.

➤ Other business

1. McKeon stated the Planning Board is bringing in the attorneys for the Cersosimo gravel pit for non-compliance.
2. McKeon advised that Tire Warehouse has a site plan for review with the Planning Board to do a small addition.
3. McKeon advised that Greenwood is filing a complaint with DES for not having an Alteration of Terrain permit with regard to the Martini property on Route 9.

Information

- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon P McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Clifford D Emery

Date

Elaine H Levlocke

Date