

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Others in attendance were Board members Elaine Levlocke, Jim Larkin and Administrator Rick Carrier.

FOR SIGNATURE

- Manifest #38
- Selectmen Minutes of September 11, 2013

FOR DISCUSSION

- **Town Deposits**

Carrier confirmed with Barbara Girs, Town Clerk and Ed Cheever, Town Treasurer that deposits will be made every Tuesday and Thursday, including deposits from the tax collector.

- **Transfer Station Proposal**

The Selectboard's recommendation was to go with lease/purchase for used equipment for three years, from Leon Dunbar's proposal. McKeon stated that the transfer station has one compacter and requests a second unit to use when the other fills.

Levlocke motioned to support the Transfer Stations recommendation to budget for the lease option for MSW and cardboard as presented. Seconded by Larkin. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Planning Board Membership**

Michael Lynch has expressed his interest in serving on the Planning Board. Levlocke suggested that he send a resume. The board recommends he meet with them. McKeon stated that there is a need for alternates on the Planning Board.

- **Budget Committee Guidance Letter**

It was suggested that the board use the 2014 Budget Guidance letter when making budget decisions.

APPOINTMENTS

6:30 p.m. Ann McBride (Monadnock Conservancy)

McBride, Land Protection Director, reported that she had met with the conservation commission for the conservation project being worked on in the California Brook Natural Area. The Monadnock Conservancy is seeking funds for the purchase of a conservation easement for a 136 acres parcel at Otter Pond and requesting a contribution of \$17,000 from the Town of Chesterfield. Will Vogeley asked about accessibility for the public. Larkin asked about liability, McBride responded that state statutes are in favor of private access owners. McBride will send Carrier a copy of the RSA covering the liability for easements.

7:00 p.m. Bart Bevis

Bevis reported on damage to roads during the recent rain storm in the areas of Orchard, Castle, Merrifield, and Gulf Roads. Excessive damage was done on Castle Road, where a new house was recently constructed and he attributes the damage to the engineering design for the new home. The landowner reported that DES was the project designer. Bevis passed around photos to the board taken of the damage. It was requested that Carrier contact an attorney for direction on the matter and to get information on leaving parts of the road unrepaired at this time. Bevis reported that there is not prior history of flood damage in the Castle Road area prior to the construction of the new house. The board instructed Bevis to keep track of everything being done at that section.

FOR DISCUSSION

- **Town/School Trees**

Carrier reported on a large tree limb that had fallen on the tennis court, as a result of a recent storm. The Highway Department has removed the tree limb. Barbara Girs requested the board allow for someone to evaluate dead wood on other trees in the area of the library to the Town Office buildings. Levlocke requested that a scope of work be established. It was suggested that a dead branches be taken out. Carrier will contact the tree cutter used by the highway department to do the removal of dead branches and will provide him with a copy of Steve Robarge's assessment.

- **Selectman Project List**

Economic Development Committee: A meeting is scheduled for September 19th at the Town Offices at 7:00 p.m.

Develop Plan for Expanded Project Plan: Larkin distributed a draft.

Transfer Station Enhancement Project Plan: A recommendation was to move ahead with budgeting for proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Spofford Place: No funding for this year.

Town Meeting Date: Warrant article on this year's Town Meeting to change the business portion to another date, to take place the following year.

Election Officials Meeting: Will happen in December.

OEM Director Position: Let Renee get settled in to see if she needs a second person.

Reverse 911 Contacts: Carrier has not been in contact with Jeff Chickering. Ruth Van Houten stated that there are no provisions for cell phone users. Carrier will ask Jeff Chickering if he has provisions for cell phones.

Continuation of Operation of Town Government: Renee's email indicated that Entergy will fund EPZ until they get relief from their license.

Wares Grove Cottage Occupancy Agreement: No action taken.

Zoning Issue Items: Penny Trucking Camper Sale – Carrier will ask Chet Greenwood for an update for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

McKeon reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting with questions on funding. Focused on having revenue coming in from the programs and how they could use it for an enhancement program. Carrier responded that specifics will be needed on what the spending is for and if charges are required.

Planning Board Meeting – Plans were signed for the new gas station application on Route 9.

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct – Levlocke reported that for the 2013 warrant the commissioners recommended \$175,000 for a truck. It was recommended by the Budget Committee \$145,000. It was voted at the annual precinct meeting to authorize \$83,454 due to the 10% rule, voted and passed unanimously. Article 12 was to name the commissioners as the agents to the capital reserve fund. It was stated in the annual minutes that this can be reversed next year. It passed unanimously. Minutes of June 5 and June 17 are still in draft form, referencing the negotiated price for the truck was \$277,211, including a trade in. The Commissioner Chair moved to purchase the truck for up to \$283,211, not including the trade in. It was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously. Present at that meeting was Rick Cooper and Bob Godere, who attended by speaker phone at 7:56 p.m., when the meeting was called to order. What was brought to the voters, in terms of a warrant, has exceeded an additional \$100,000 plus to the residence of Chesterfield Precinct. The actual amount coming from the CRF is \$276,831. Will Vogeley stated that the \$145,000-\$175,000 was for a used fire truck. The budget committee took \$30,000 that was in the capital reserve fund. Levlocke reported that there were 36 voters at the Precinct meeting.

Spofford Fire Precinct – Levlocke reported that Gordon Rudolph had submitted his resignation and the commissioners did not accept the resignation.

Southwest Regional Planning Commission – Levlocke reported that everyone is cordially invited to attend the fall meeting on Tuesday, October 15 at East Hill Farm in Troy. The guest speaker will be Dr. Cameron Wake and will be discussing the climate change in southern New Hampshire. The cost is \$10 per person.

Southwest Region Broadband Meeting – Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m., Historical Society in Keene.

Levlocke reported that the Cheshire County Department of Corrections has a program which utilizes inmate labor for onsite work crew.

Carrier stated that he hasn't received the information from Jeff Morse from Cersosimo any longer on the gravel pit issue. McKeon stated that all of their drainage from the Westmoreland side goes to the Chesterfield side. Carrier is looking for direction on how to proceed. McKeon wants to look at RSA 155e with Carrier. Needs reclamation bond in place.

Levlocke moved to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Larkin seconded the motion, which carried.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Grace, Secretary to the Selectboard

Approved by:

Jon P. McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Elaine H. Levlocke

Date

James M. Larkin

Date