

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
September 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Others in attendance were Jon McKeon, Brad Roscoe and Rick Carrier, Town Administrator.

FOR SIGNATURE

- Manifest #37
- Selectmen Minutes – August 26, 2015
- Raffle Permit – American Legion
- Spofford Hall Correspondence – Nine A LLC
- Intents to Cut (2) – Hampshire Timber
- Payroll Change Notices (2) – Highway

APPOINTMENTS

• **6:30 p.m. Chris Lord – Bennett Road Update**

Lord reported on his findings of water runoff issues and items still in the town's right-of-way on Bennett Road but felt that the items would not cause any travel issues on the road. A stone wall next to Richard Diesl's garage is protruding approximately two feet into the right-of-way. The stone wall, sand barrel and small signs will need to be removed. A notice will be sent to Diesl to remove those items. Lord stated that he will have some cold patch put into one end of the berm to lessen the rise at one end.

Lord has discussed the water runoff situation with NH DOT and when they will be scheduling work to be done along Route 63. Lord suggested that they ditch the sides of the road. Ed Lekstutis reported on the wash out issues that has been occurring in his parking area along Route 63. He was told that Route 63 is a state road and he should report his issues to NHDOT.

Susan Campbell, of Silverdale Drive, stated that she has had water runoff problems on her property since 2003. She noted that there had been much less surface water coming from Bennett Road since a section of it was paved.

Joe Warhall stated that David Mann's survey has incorrect data, in comparing it with another survey that was done for DiBernardo in 2014. Warhall expressed his concerns of how long it is taking for items to be removed outside of Diesl's property line and consequences of not complying. He stated that he would like to have smooth passage to his property before winter. Larkin stated that Mann's site plan will be reviewed to see if any discrepancies need to be corrected. Larkin noted that if the town has to remove items from the towns right-of-way, the property owner will be billed.

- **7:30 p.m. Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (b)**

McKeon moved to go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II (b). The motion was seconded by Roscoe, which carried.

Larkin moved to adjourn from non-public session. The motion was seconded by Roscoe, which carried. From nonpublic session: Donna Magdycz was introduced to the selectmen for the full time police officer position and Larkin stated that he would like to offer her the position at \$20.94 to start. She accepted the position.

Police Chief Duane Chickering reported that since he put out information of the recent home breaking and entering for the press release and on Facebook, there have not been any more burglaries in town. State police have assisted with the recent burglaries. He noted that there is no danger to the public, as a result of the recent sexual assaults. Chickering reported that the heroin issues are coming into our area.

FOR DISCUSSION

- **Suggestion Box**

There were no suggestions in the suggestion box.

- **Removal Street Sign on Forest Ave.**

John Koopmann stated that Forest Avenue was made a discontinued road in 1985 at the Town meeting. He added that since 1985 the town has paved, plowed snow and cut brush along the sides of the discontinued road. The board approved the removal of the Forest Avenue street sign at the upper section.

- **Intent to Cut - Dennen**

An intent to cut was filed for Andrew Dennen's property at the end of Old Swanzey Road. Carrier noted that the board may want to decide if and how much bonding will be required if board approval is given to access Old Swanzey Road to transport timber that is cut from the Swanzey area. It was suggested that photos be taken of the entire road for documenting the road's current condition. There was a concern of one home being close to the road and what effects it would have as a result of the logging operation. The discussion will be tabled until further information is received and what the town requires for the condition of the road when the logging operation is completed.

- **Town Car Bid**

A bid was received from an individual in the amount of \$307 for the retired police car. The board will get more information on the value of the vehicle before making a decision of accepting the bid.

- **Welcome to Chesterfield Signs**

MetroSign provided an overview of the conditions of the four signs in town and will provide a quote for repairing those signs. McCarthy Signs provided a quote of \$550 per sign and \$400 per pressure treated 4x4" post. McCarthy Signs are made out of non deteriorating PVC board and

the posts are encased with PVC covers. Carrier noted that the sign by J&J is in poor condition. The Lions Club will be contacted to ask for assistance in paying to replace the sign at J&J.

- **Lake Level**

The board approved the date of October 12 to start the drawdown of the water level.

- **Spofford Lake Association Concerns**

An email was received by Spofford Lake Association President Steve McGrath requesting a meeting with the selectboard members to discuss the protection of the quality of water at Spofford Lake. McKeon stated that the Budget Committee recognizes that the lake is a huge asset to this town and 23-26% of the property taxes come from properties around the lake. The Spofford Lake Association will be contacted to attend a BOS meeting.

- **NHMA On-Demand Programs**

The first educational course offered for town officials will be the “Right-To-Know Law”, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3 in the OEM Room at the Town Offices. Reservations will be due by November 1 with a \$5.00 registration fee to attend.

- **Town/OEM Sirens**

The board reviewed a memo signed by the Spofford Fire Commissioners and Selectboard in 2008 stating that, “If the Town of Chesterfield should ever become the owner, it will be required that they transfer ownership to the district or remove it at the district’s request.” Fales will need further information to list siren maintenance on the upcoming OEM budget.

- **Town Property Request to Purchase**

David Williamson has requested approval to purchase town owned property at the end of Old Swanzey Road, which was taken for back taxes. McKeon noted that town owned properties in the past have been put out for bid, with a right to accept or reject any or all bids.

- **Next 3 Weeks Selectboard Meetings**

The selectboard meetings for the next three weeks are being scheduled on Thursdays. The board will make a time change for September 24 at 7:00 p.m. These changes will be posted on the town's website.

PROJECT LIST

Number Display Ordinance: Roscoe reported that the majority of local hardware stores only carry the 3” and 5” numbers. The ordinance should read a minimum of 4” numbers are required for the houses. An amended ordinance will be available at the next board meeting.

Town Buildings CIP: McKeon reported that the Budget Committee is in favor of the CIP. The committee had a discussion on the contribution, whereby McKeon noted the contribution amount dictates the success of the length of the program.

Research Broadband Options: Roscoe noted that he received only two positive responses from individuals to work on the long term issues with the broadband committee.

Broadband Meeting: All the providers will be present at the October 8 at 6:00 p.m. public meeting at the Town Hall except for HughesNet. This meeting has been posted around town.

OLD BUSINESS

Wares Grove Cottage: Larkin will provide the P&R Commission with the name and phone number of the interested party who requested more information on the work to be done on the cottage.

ZONING ISSUES

Rudolph Junkyard: Chet Greenwood's memo indicated that progress has been made with the removal of vehicles and parts during his site visit on September 2. Greenwood will make another follow-up visit to assess items that still need to be removed.

Santo – 87 Hewitt Road: A driveway permit was submitted. The road agent will look at whether there is an ordinance issue with the side setback of the second driveway.

EJ Prescott: The main corporate office has been working with the Planning Board for having two businesses on one lot.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Annex building is being reviewed by architects for conceptual plans to be reviewed by the board.

Roscoe reported that nonresidents have been frequenting the free shed at Transfer Station and the attendants are requesting guidance on how to deal with them. It was suggested that the attendants call the Chesterfield Police to have them removed.

John Koopmann suggested that the board scrutinize on the health insurance plans for the upcoming budget.

McKeon reported that the Cemetery Commission has replaced a chain saw and they will need to replace one of the mowers.

It was suggested that legal counsel be contacted to discuss the possibility of starting the process to have the owners of the old Spofford Hall raze the building.

Larkin announced that he is resigning from the selectboard as of the end of this meeting. McKeon and Roscoe will come up with a list of names at the next meeting for a replacement to finish Larkin's term.

Jeff Scott inquired as to whether the signage ordinances have become too restrictive, whereby some of the smaller business are leaving the Chesterfield area.

Larkin moved to go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II (b). The motion was seconded by Roscoe, which passed unanimously.

Larkin moved to adjourn from non-public session. The motion was seconded by Roscoe, which carried.

Larkin moved to go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II (c). The motion was seconded by Roscoe, passed unanimously.

Larkin moved to adjourn from non-public session and seal the minutes. The motion was seconded by Roscoe, which carried.

With no other business to conduct, Roscoe moved to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by McKeon, which carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Grace, Secretary to the Selectboard

Approved by:

James M. Larkin, Chairman

Date

Jon P. McKeon

Date

Brad Roscoe

Date