

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
July 19, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Also in attendance was Brad Roscoe, Norman VanCor and Rick Carrier, Town Administrator.

FOR SIGNATURE

- Manifest #28 & #29
- Selectmen Minutes – June 14, 2017 & June 28, 2017
- DRA Inventory of Taxable Property form usage
- DRA Reimb for Federal & State Forest Land
- Rescue Inc. Contract
- Yield Tax Certification – Butterworth
- Timber Tax Warrant

APPOINTMENTS

- **6:15 p.m. Chris Lord – Road Agent Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)**

Lord reported that the lake level is set at 13 inches below the top of the dam, which is 1 inch higher than what it should be this time of the year.

The Highway Dept. will weld a receiver to allow a padlock to be set up on the Bruce Beach gate. No lighting will be added to the free shed and the book swap.

The ditch lines on Streeter Hill Road are now completed and the paving will begin by mid August.

Roscoe moved to go into Nonpublic 91-A:3 II (a&c) to discuss personnel. VanCor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VanCor moved to come out of nonpublic. Roscoe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Roscoe moved to seal the nonpublic minutes. VanCor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **6:45 p.m. John Zannotti – ZBA Alternate**

Zannotti has expressed his interest in serving as an alternate on the ZBA. Zannotti will attend the August 8 ZBA meeting.

- **7:00 p.m. Mike Bentley – Larkin Way**

Present: Attorney Michael Bentley, James and Michelle Larkin

The public hearing for accepting Larkin Way as a town road has been rescheduled for July 26. Bentley noted that the bond will expire on July 20. Bentley stated that Larkin Way has been inspected, surveyed, the monuments are in, as-builts are done and Attorney Fillmore has approved the description on the road.

McKeon moved to allow the bond on Larkin Way to lapse without penalty, with anticipation of the acceptance of the road at the public hearing on July 26. VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- **7:15 p.m. Rick Carrier – Town Administrator Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)**

Postponed to 9:30 pm.

Roscoe moved to go into non-public per RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c).

VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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FOR DISCUSSION

- **Suggestion Box**

A question was asked as to why there weren't any straw waddles in the ditch line on Route 63 by Spofford Lake. NHDOT will be contacted.

- **Public Comment**

James Corliss stated that he feels there could be a better way to control the fireworks situation other than to have required permits. McKeon replied that this topic will be discussed later this evening.

- **Selectmen Minutes Review – June 28**

Roscoe moved to approve the June 28 meeting minutes as amended. VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- **Code Enforcement Reports**

The Code Enforcement activity reports were reviewed for weeks ending July 1, 8 and 15. The reports included permits issued, field inspections, assembly reviews, water testing, septic investigations, erosion issues, complaints and violations. The board noted that the issue at 16 North Shore Road was renting an on-site apartment and not a septic issue.

- **Fireworks Ordinance - Draft**

Letters received from James Corliss, Cliff Emery and John Martin and the comments made from the July 12 "Listening Session" were acknowledged regarding a proposed fireworks ordinance. Ken Walton noted that toxic substances are being put into the water and an ordinance would be one way of protecting the quality of water. He also suggested that a fireworks ordinance be voted on at the town meeting. Martin was concerned as to how an ordinance was going to be enforced. Val and John Starbuck provided documentation on the increased use of fireworks around the lake. They provided late night incidences of fireworks earlier this month at the lake and how the noise travels over a body of water. Their concerns are preservation of the lake and how the noise is invasive to others. Bob Brockmann suggested that fireworks not be allowed within 100 feet of a body of water and that a time clock be established for hours of allowing fireworks. Barbara Girs stated that the noise from fireworks is not just around the lake. She added that chemicals from fireworks contribute to air pollution. She also suggested that violators be given a significant fine. Jeff Scott is in favor of an ordinance to improve the environment and quality of life.

McKeon noted that the board has taken input from all sides on the fireworks issues. The board's purpose of the ordinance is to control trash, water pollution and noise pollution. McKeon noted that property owners around the lake should be concerned because property values drop when water quality is affected. VanCor stated that an ordinance does not require a town vote.

The board will revisit the draft ordinance to discuss possible changes on obtaining a permit and enforcement of the permit.

- **Solar Project and ZBA Application**

The ZBA application has been submitted by Carrier for Roscoe to meet the application deadline. McKeon noted that the request will be an improvement for the use of that the property located at the corner of Rt. 63 and Stage Road. The possible investors will provide a presentation at the July 26 meeting at Hanna Grimes.

- **Bennett Road – Diesl & Warhall Updates**

Two proposals were presented for road improvements on Bennett Road. VanCor noted that no solutions were addressed in the Warhall proposal by his contractor. The town can't expend funds on improvements to a Class VI but the board can approve the work to be done by the private road residents. Swale materials need to be listed and the distances of grass line swales need to be provided. Jute matting will also be required in the swales. Silt sock sizes and hay swaddle information will also be required. The owner of 5 Bennett Road will be required to provide a letter of approval of work being proposed in front of his driveway.

- **Town Beaches Erosion Control**

VanCor reported that Ron Bell has done topo work at Wares Grove and will provide plans available early next week. Permits will be required for both shoreland and wetland.

- **Summer Informational Meeting**

The summer informational meeting will be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on August 23. Items to be covered will be solar, broadband, property evaluations and the old town office building.

- **Conservation Commission Membership**

VanCor has spoken with Pam Walton and Kristin McKeon regarding their philosophy and goals regarding the Conservation Commission. VanCor recommended holding off filling the permanent position on the CCC at this time. Kristin has agreed to fill an alternate position. VanCor stated that there are other people who have expressed an interest in filling the alternate positions.

VanCor moved to appoint Kristin McKeon as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Roscoe.

Vote called: Roscoe: Yes; VanCor: Yes; McKeon: Abstained

The vote passed by majority vote.

- **Bruce Beach Gate**

The gate will be welded by the Highway Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Annex: Table to the next town meeting.

Old Town Office Building: No interest of anyone purchasing the building. 2018 warrant article to demolish.

EMP Grant Scope of Work: EOP filed quarterly report in June.

Committee Memberships: Vacancies in EDC & Alternate ZBA. Carrier has an interested person to fill the EDC vacancy.

Spofford Hall: Signed 155-B:2 order sent to town attorney. Notices posted on building.

Town Meeting Costs: McKeon to contact Ege Cordell.

29 Wildwood Rd.: Prior owner has signed document. Notice of Sale has been signed by BOS.

McKenna Way Ravine: Mr. Holden will look at the ravine before the end of July.

OTHER BUSINESS

McKeon noted that the Namaschaug applicant has requested a continuance from the Planning Board. Charles Donahue is appealing the Andersen decision of the Planning Board to Superior Court.

Roscoe stated that Wares Grove Beach was closed down for two days last week as a result of a recent water test.

- **Public Comment**

John Martin stated that the Fireworks ordinance is complex and convoluted.
Diana Warhall has requested that the board look at Bennett Road for how the work being proposed will affect the road.
Jill Diesl thanked the board for all the work that they do for the town.

- **Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)**

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VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Roscoe moved to come out of nonpublic. VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

- **Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (e)**

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VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Roscoe moved to come out of nonpublic. VanCor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Roscoe moved to seal the nonpublic minutes. VanCor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

With no other business to conduct, VanCor moved to adjourn. McKeon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Grace
Secretary to the Selectboard

Approved by:

Jon P. McKeon, Chairman

Date

Brad Roscoe

Date

Norman W. VanCor

Date