

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
December 21, 2006**

Call to Order

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Others in attendance were Board members Wanda McNamara, Dan Cotter and Administrator Rick Carrier.

Appointments

- 6:30 p.m. Steve Pro – Pro didn't come to the meeting.

For Signature

- Manifest #51
- Selectmen minutes – Dec 14th
- Yield tax certificate – Forecastle Timber
- Yield tax warrant
- Tower removal bonds - Verizon wireless (Pine Crest Drive)
Verizon wireless (Welcome Hill Road)
- Intent to Cut – McFadden/Youngman
- Payroll change notice – Police Department

For Discussion

- 2007 fuel costs

McKeon had gotten a projection and it is suggested that the Town use \$2.75/gallon. This cost takes into account that the Town is not levied a fuel tax.

McNamara moved to use the \$2.75/gallon for the 2007 budget process. Cotter seconded the motion, which carried.

- Budget Committee recommendation – TS storage unit

The Budget Committee recommends that the storage unit be put in a warrant article. The perception could be that the line item would just carry over to the next year. It was noted that there have been items in the past that were added to the line item and spikes could be seen however, it went down the next year. The Committee thinks that the Town would have better control over spending.

*Cotter moved to leave the budget as it is and keep the cost in the line item.
McNamara seconded the motion, which carried.*

➤ Wood chipper memo

The Board reviewed Bevis' memo. Bevis had gotten cost estimates to purchase a new chipper and the cost range is \$16,000 - \$21,000. Westmoreland road agent and Dunbar are interested in a cost sharing venture, however, this would depend upon both town meeting votes.

The Board discussed renting vs. buying. Depending upon the use the Town would have it could be 15 years before the chipper would be paid for. If the Transfer Station used it consistently i.e. once a week, that would make a difference. Koopmann had advised that rental would be \$150/day or \$350/5-day week.

The Board asked that Carrier contact Dunbar to investigate if closing the burn pit was imminent and Bevis would check into a PTO driven chipper cost. The Board will table the discussion until they have further information.

➤ Safety Committee membership

Jim Plante has resigned from the Safety Committee. The Chesterfield Joint Loss Management Program requires 3 members in a manager position and at least 3 employee members. We are now short a Highway employee member. The Board will table this discussion. The next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled in February.

➤ Boat Launch port-a-potty

Fred Szmit has offered to write a letter to the State for the Board requesting that they should pay for the port-a-potty at the Boat Landing. The Board discussed that the letter should note justification why the State should pay for the port-a-potty. The Board wants to make sure that the best interest of the lake is considered and if the State refuses to cover the cost the Town would. The cost is approximately \$400 annually.

➤ Misc Health Agencies warrant article

In the past, each organization's request has been in a separate warrant article. In addition, a motion is made on the floor of town meeting to combine those warrant articles for the sake of discussion and vote. Carrier asked if the Board had any objection to combining these agencies into one warrant article where each agency is listed and the amount of each request stated.

McNamara moved to combine the health agencies in one warrant article. Cotter seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ Access Road property status

Carrier advised that Mike Nesbitt has made several requests as of late to open the gate at Access Rd to remove some of his items from the property. He noted that

Nesbitt appears to be removing personal property but is having difficulty getting the vehicles removed. There remains a 40 ft trailer, 7 vehicles, swing set and miscellaneous items covered by tarps. Carrier has advised Nesbitt that the deadline to redeem his property is May 2007.

The Board requests that Nesbitt come to them in order to ask what his intentions are and that it be noted for the record.

➤ Old business

Planning Board appointment – Bob Del Sesto, Planning Board Chair, was present. The Board had reviewed his letter requesting that Scott Coulborn be appointed to replace Peach as a regular member, as he is the senior alternate member.

Cotter moves to appoint Scott Coulborn as a regular member with his term to expire in 2007. McNamara seconded the motion, which carried. The Board signed the appointment paper for Coulborn.

Spofford Place – John Liptak, DES, advised Carrier that the clean up would not be completed until after July 1, 2007 due to budget restraints.

Pond Brook Rd Flooding – McKeon advised he has called twice this week with no responses.

➤ Other business

1. Cotter reminded the Board he would not be here for next week's meeting. McNamara advised she is also unable to attend. The Board decided to cancel the December 28th meeting. McNamara and McKeon will be in to sign the manifest on Wednesday.

2. Carrier asked that because next week's meeting is canceled and would have been the last meeting of the year, there is a potential need to encumber funds for the Highway Fuel Tanks.

McNamara moved to encumber funds up to \$7,500 for the Highway Fuel Tanks. Cotter seconded the motion, which carried.

3. Cotter stated that he has spoken with Wesfield Construction and was advised by them that they are fine with the verbal agreement. Wesfield would draw up a letter of intent regarding the pre-construction piece of the project if the Board wished.

The Construction Manager agreement will be drawn up after they received information from the Architect and the costs are figured.

4. McNamara advised that she would like to revisit the Health Insurance contribution by the employees and perhaps change it from 10% to 5% and asked what effect that

would have on the budget. She also noted that a one-time cost could be returned to employees to ease the burden for the first year and she is in favor of doing that.

The Board discussed the COLA, raise and/or bonuses given to employees. The teachers and support staff policy was also discussed. Cotter advised he had based his decision on what was now required of the school.

It was noted that the employees could appeal to the Budget Committee or bring this to the floor at Town Meeting.

McKeon will look into what the policy is at the school and if a partial payback were considered.

Information

- Certificates of completion – PD
- DOT correspondence – Stow Drive
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, McNamara moved to adjourn, Cotter seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Wanda G. McNamara

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date