

**Town of Chesterfield  
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES  
March 9, 2006**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Wanda McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Others in attendance were Board member Jon McKeon and Administrator Rick Carrier. Dan Cotter was also in attendance.

**Appointments**

➤ 6:30 Mike Bentley

Bentley was present to discuss the Town Meeting presentation of the warrant articles and their order. McNamara will move to pass over Article 37. Article 38 will be dealt with next. There will be a handout for the Town Clerk compensation policy. A copy of the handout was given to Bentley. McKeon will speak to this issue. If the article passes the budget would not change. If the article fails the Town Clerk salary would be amended lowering it by \$8,800. The voters should be informed that this reflects the state portion of the fees and the Town Clerk may choose not to offer this service requiring folks to get their stickers in Keene.

Article 14 will be dealt with next. McKeon will speak to the roll-off truck. If it passes the budget would not change. If the article fails, however, the budget would have to be increased to cover the cost of either repairing the current truck or hiring out the hauling. Dunbar will also be present to speak to this.

The rest of the articles would be taken in order. The Department heads will be present to speak to their department articles.

If the omnibus budget passes the Board authorizes the separate signing of the payroll change notices as there will be no Selectmen's meeting next week. McNamara and McKeon agreed to this.

➤ 7:00 Bart Bevis

Old Chesterfield Rd Fire Pond – Bevis advised that he had asked Michaud to help design the new system and give conceptual drawings with double barrels. This was a toss in request above what Bevis had already asked him to do. Bevis stated he is going after Hazard Mitigation funds for this project and he has a deadline to apply for the funds.

Bevis advised he had Clough Harbor take a look at Pond Brook Rd and Lake Elizabeth. Bevis advised that Wiggin, Spofford Fire Commissioner, had told him they

would be dredging the pond and are also looking to apply for mitigation money for the project.

The Clough Harbor engineer advised Bevis that they would have charged up to 10 times the cost of what Michaud has billed the Town for the Old Chesterfield Rd Fire Pond project. Bevis stated that he is concerned with the cost of other engineering firms compared to Michaud.

The Board advised they would like to see other firms involved. Bevis stated he would get 3 quotes on future projects. McKeon stated he would like a summary of what is expected from the firms. Bevis stated he would like to get together with McKeon to discuss the issues McKeon has with Michaud's designs.

Highway Budget – Bevis advised he would be requesting that the \$10,000 be added back into his budget for contingencies. Carrier had a spreadsheet of the Highway budget for the last 4 years showing what was spent in the first 9 weeks. It was noted that 24.8% of the budget was spent in 2006 vs. 25.4% in 2005. Bevis stated that he had overspent his budget last year.

### **For Signature**

- Manifest #10
- Selectmen minutes – Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **For Discussion**

- Non public RSA 91-A:3 II (e)

*McKeon moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e). McNamara seconded the motion, which carried.*

*McKeon moved to adjourn from nonpublic session. McNamara seconded the motion, which carried.*

- Chesterfield Public School Foundation request

The Board reviewed the letter from Hogancamp to use the Town property next to the Fire Station for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner auction to be held Saturday, September 16, 2006. The Board agreed to permit the use of Town property provided a liability insurance certificate is given and the Fire Department also agreed.

- North Hinsdale Road status

Dave Copeland has bought the large property on North Hinsdale Rd that was recently logged. He advised his daughter is looking to build a house. He questioned how the road got the designation "Highway to Summer Cottages" and Carrier had given him a copy of the December 5, 2002 Selectmen's minutes noting the public hearing the Board held and voted that classification. Copeland advised Carrier that

he would be in contact with the Board about the possibility of maintaining that road himself in the winter. Bevis has been notified of this.

The Board discussed possible problems i.e. what if while plowing the road, he digs up the road, who is responsible for that; what if there is an accident between where the Highway Dept plows and the private driveway. The Board also questioned if the blocks could be moved from their current location to south of the proposed driveway.

Bevis suggested that Hinsdale be contacted as they have gone through a similar situation.

➤ Cell phone contract

The Board reviewed the State contract with US Cellular for the County that McNamara had provided. The Town could connect with the State if the Board chose to. McKeon will check with various phone companies for group plans.

➤ Old Business

Fire Pond – Bevis advised he had gone with Michaud due to his deadline for submitting the grant application.

Pond Brook Rd Flooding – Bevis advised that DES had required Filipi get plans for drainage when he put in the new structure. The flooding problem was not there until DES required this drainage plan. McKeon stated it was the Board's understanding that Bevis was working with Greenwood to mitigate this issue. Bevis advised he has argued with DES when this was originally done.

Bevis stated that he signed the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of engineer's drawing for DES so that a certificate of occupancy could be issued. McNamara stated she would look into getting a copy of the plans.

Bevis had dealt with a Jeff from DES. He will get his name and a letter would be sent to him noting the responsibility of DES to fix the problem, as it was their fault in requiring the faulty plan.

Highway roof – McKeon advised that he has spoken with Melanson and it looks like a condensation problem with the roof. They will give the Town a price for a vented cap. This may not solve the whole problem but would help. McKeon expects them to give a reduced cost for this cap due to their responsibility with the problem.

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The Board will sign Dunbar's payroll change notice on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

➤ Other Business

Next Week's Manifest – The Board will sign the manifest Wednesday. Also included in the package will be the 4 appointment papers ready for signatures after the outcome of the elections is determined.

PDD Letter – McKeon had been approached by someone and was told that the letter sent by Emery and Beal regarding the PDD was illegal because it was sent with their business stationary. Carrier stated that a business could exercise their first amendment right to express opinions.

Dan Cotter – It was noted that if Cotter wins the Selectman's position he would be sworn in on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Information**

- Keene City Council invitation
- Employee seminar certificate
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

**Adjournment**

*With no other business to conduct, McKeon made a motion to adjourn, McNamara seconded and the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross  
Secretary

Approved by:

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Wanda McNamara, Chairperson

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Date

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Jon McKeon

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Date