

Town of Chesterfield Board of Selectmen

MINUTES November 16, 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

➤ 6:15 p.m. Bart Bevis

1. Bevis presented pictures of the sign he placed on Stones Mill Rd per the Board request.
2. Bevis presented a spreadsheet for the roads his department has ditched and graded during September and October. Raking was also done after the grading.
3. Bevis advised of the header repairs that have been done that included the large Mountain Rd stone culvert. He anticipates replacing it next year when the water goes down. He also noted repairs on Old Chesterfield Rd, N Hinsdale Rd, Morts & Old Chesterfield Roads, Gulf Rd and Maple Rd.
4. Highway Roof fix – Bevis advised that Rogers has done a good job for the temporary fix to take care of the roof through the winter. He received the 3rd quote from Builders Insulation for \$27,000.
5. Bevis has received the back ordered new plow for the loader and has come \$5,000 under budget.
6. October 28th & 29th storms – Castle Rd had washed out and there were several roads with downed trees with wires down.
7. Bevis advised that all the plows are prepped and ready for winter.
8. The 911 mapping is progressing. Bevis has been working with Sue Merit. There are more specific corrections to be made.
9. Bevis advised that a tree went down on the property line onto John Dudek's property. The Board reviewed the pictures presented by Bevis and determined that the tree removal is Dudek's responsibility.
10. High St retaining wall. Bevis asked that the Board view the wall that has collapsed.
11. Bevis advised that he is no longer able to buy parts for the 30-year-old tow behind York rake. It would cost \$6,250 to purchase a new rake and he stated he had the funds in his operating budget to purchase it. The Board will discuss this and get back to him.
12. Bevis stated that the two 550 trucks in his department have the sander controls inside the cab. The noise is very loud. It would cost \$2,600 per truck to retrofit it to put the controls outside of the cab. Winchester PWD will be doing this on a truck of theirs and Bevis would like to see how much the change improves the situation. The Board agreed that this is a work place safety issue with the high decibel level.

13. Welcome Farm roads – Bevis asked if there were a way to prove if the top asphalt was put on the roads. He advised that the roads have marks in them and he would presume that the road would be in new condition when the town took it over. McKeon advised that Cersosimo should be able to produce bills and tickets for that work or take core samples.

14. Bevis stated that he has been asked several times by individuals if the Board was trying to have him fired. He asked the Board directly and all members of the Board deny that is their intention.

- 7:00 p.m. Parks & Rec Committee member(s)

Kristin McKeon was present representing the P & R Comm. It was noted that the rates would be increased, however, the non-resident rates cannot be more than twice the resident rates under the grant requirements. K. McKeon will speak with the other committee members.

K. McKeon advised they would also like to extend the hours for the summer program. \$1,300 will be added to the program salary line. This will also increase the Revenue line to \$55,000. The maintenance line was increased to budget for tree removal at Weirs Grove. The Budget will go to the Budget Committee on December 19th.

- 7:30 p.m. Leon Dunbar

Dunbar advised he would like to initiate Project Work safety to deal with needle disposal. Windham Solid Waste has a program for disposal of needles. McKeon requested that Dunbar get suggestions and see how other towns are handling this. Dunbar noted the possibility of having the needle disposal combined with other hazardous waste disposal to make it a package program.

Dunbar presented a letter advising that he does not request any disposal rate increases at this time.

For Signature

- Manifest #46
- Selectmen minutes – Nov 9th
- Road scholar correspondence (2)
- Dascomb correspondence
- Transfer Station class registration

For Discussion

- Wood Chipper bids

Three sealed bids were received by the deadline date.

- Ron Fish - \$856.35
- Gunnar Kangas - \$333.00
- Scott Couborn - \$500.00

Cotter moved to award the chipper to Ron Fish with the highest bid. McNamara seconded the motion, which carried.

The chipper is sold as is.

- Town Road acceptance policy

The Board reviewed the amended Road Acceptance Policy.

- Employee luncheon

The luncheon is scheduled for December 20th at 12:00 at the Town Hall.

- Climate change petition

The Board reviewed the petition. It was given to Ed Cheever to check and make sure that the required number of registered voters had signed the petition. If they have the required signatures it will be a Warrant Article to be voted on at Town Meeting.

- Brownie Troop tree

The Board reviewed the request for Becky Auger requesting that the Brownie Troop be allowed to put up a tree and decorate it in front of the Town Hall on December 1st. It was noted that a removal date was not given in the letter. The Board directed Carrier to contact Auger to permit the tree placement but request that it be installed in such a way that it would not freeze into the ground and that it be removed by the 2nd week in January.

- BTLA appeal

United Natural Foods has appealed their property appraisal to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. The Board had previously denied the abatement.

- Old business

Pond Brook Rd Flooding – McKeon advised that DES had not contacted him as he requested after their meeting last week. He will contact them again.

OEM Lease – Hogancamp has advised Cotter they would renew the lease with the same terms for 1 year.

Road Acceptance Criteria – McKeon asked when is it beneficial to the Town to accept a road. The Board asked to see what other towns have for criteria and why they have those criteria. Cotter and Carrier will check into this. Carrier also suggested contacting Crocker for his opinion.

➤ Next week's manifest

The manifest will be ready for signing on Tuesday afternoon next week. The Board agreed to allow the checks to be distributed on Wednesday morning with one signature if necessary.

➤ Other business

1. Cotter advised that the Zoning Board expressed appreciation to the Select Board for allowing their attendance at the Planning & Zoning Conference.
2. Cotter advised that the Zoning Board had requested that the Town look at impact fees due to the potential of large developments in Town. Carrier advised this needed to be initiated by the Planning Board. McKeon will bring this to the Board.
3. McKeon advised that he had spoken at the Monadnock Leadership meeting. He presented a sample mailing that another town uses to communicate issues to their residents.
4. McNamara advised that Ruth Van Houten is being given an award for volunteerism by LGC.
5. The Board decided to meet each Thursday in December.
6. The York rake – The Board agrees with the Budget Committee's philosophy of having large item purchases planned in the budget, however, did not think that the value amount should be \$5,000. They decided that \$10,000 should be the limit. The Department Heads need to come to the Select Board for any unbudgeted equipment purchase over \$3,000 for approval.

➤ Non public RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

Carrier and Ross were excused from the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

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

Information

- Spofford Fire correspondence to Planning Board
- 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 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Wanda G. McNamara

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date