

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
September 28, 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.

For Signature

- Manifest #39
- Selectmen minutes – Sept 21st – The Board signed the amended minutes.
- Pandemic planning correspondence
- Amended LUCT - Putnam
- Appointment papers – Planning and Parks & Rec

For Discussion

- Municipal transportation improvement fund

Carrier advised that he had contacted both LGC and DRA regarding the proposed \$5 charge to register vehicles. It is voted on at Town Meeting and the Budget Committee along with the Select Board must make a recommendation on the warrant article. The RSA states the Town Clerk may receive up to 10% of this fee if the Board so designates but any compensation given to the Town Clerk should be noted in the warrant article and referencing the Town Clerk Compensation policy of last year.

The Board sees this as a user fund that could offset an operating budget line. The Board discussed possible added work for the Town Clerk due to the management of the fund, i.e. bookkeeping. The Board discussed percentage possibilities if any were given at all. Carrier stated the Board may be able to sell another tax at Town Meeting but may lose support if part of that tax is given to the Town Clerk.

McNamara stated that she would support a CRF being established as long as there are no strings attached as to where the funds would go. Cotter stated he would support it as long as the funds aren't seen as another chunk of money to be spent unwisely. It was noted that the fund would be specifically for transportation i.e. fixing roads. Carrier stated that he had heard of a city that has allocated their fund to be used for sidewalks. Being a CRF, the money must be voted at Town Meeting to be used.

The Board decided to keep the "up to 10%" in the wording at this time.

➤ Van Houten telephone expense

Van Houten has installed a second phone line in her home dedicated to Internet connection. She uses this line mostly for OEM business. She asks if the Board would approve her charging her budget for some or all of the \$29 cost per month.

The Board discussed possible ramifications and possibly setting a precedent. Cotter stated he would feel more comfortable spending the money to have Internet installed at the Fire Station. It was noted that the Town Office and the Police Dept had cable Internet connection through Pine Tree Cable at \$20 per month. McNamara advised that she would be at the next Fire Commissioners' Meeting on October 9th and will ask what is available at the Fire Station.

The Board decided to authorize installation of an Internet line in the Fire Station out of the OEM budget.

➤ Stones Mill Road signage

The Board reviewed the e-mail from the Dingmans requesting that a sign be installed to clarify the street numbers at the fork of the road. The Board discussed the sign noting that Stones Mill Rd is a Class VI road. It is suggested that the property owners be given permission to put up a sign themselves. Carrier will have a draft letter for the Board to review and sign at the next meeting.

➤ Selectmen annual hours

The Budget Committee has requested an approximation of how many hours the Select Board do Town business annually. The Board noted they haven't tallied their hours. They have committee meetings, elections, phone conversations, regular Select Board meetings and preparation time for those. It was suggested that Fred Szmit speak to this as a member of the Budget Committee and a former Selectman. McNamara will speak with Szmit.

➤ Transfer Station truck

Dunbar had advised that this morning the roll-off truck motor is down. He has had it towed to Twin State for diagnosis of the trouble. He does not know how serious the problem is at this time.

Dunbar has made arrangements with Triple T and Windham Solid Waste to have the trash removed. The cost will be \$150 per pull. The Board advised they would like to have the maintenance records available for the truck.

➤ Transfer Station free shed

There has been a complaint from a resident regarding TS employees removing the "good stuff" from the free shed before the community at large has the opportunity to see the items. The Board discussed perhaps waiting a certain amount of time before

any employee could remove items. After discussion the Board decided this is a non-issue and will not put any restrictions on the TS employees.

➤ Old business

Pond Brook Rd Flooding – McKeon advised he had spoken with the Conservation Commission at their last meeting and discussed the flooding. They have scheduled a viewing of the site for Friday, September 29th and will contact DES looking for resolution.

Condemned Barn – ReNew had contacted Carrier and advised that the slate shingles have been removed. Carrier will contact Bevis to have the Highway Dept take down the building when they have the opportunity.

Board Appointments – McKeon has spoken with the Conservation Commission and both Newcomer and Fisher are interested in serving another term. Kristen McKeon had advised she would be willing to serve another year on P&R until another appointment came on the commission.

Cotter had spoken with Cay who is interest in continuing with the ZBA. McKeon has not heard back from Perkowski although it was noted that Perkowski would be attending the Planning and Zoning Conference in October.

Appointment papers would be ready for signature at the next Select Board meeting.

➤ Budget law workshop

Local Government Center is hosting a Budget Law Workshop in Hinsdale on Saturday, October 21st. McKeon and McNamara will attend. Cotter advised he already has a meeting in Concord.

➤ Budget handouts

The Board reviewed the handouts for the Transfer Station, Police Department and the Animal Control proposed budgets. Dunbar and Fairbanks will be in next week to discuss their respective budgets.

The Board was given the Highway truck specifications they had requested.

➤ Non public RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

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

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

The Board signed the payroll change notice for Amy LaFontaine.

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- Other business

1. Cotter advised that he has spoken with Cay who had asked if the Board wanted to speak with him regarding the lawsuit. The Board decided that it was not appropriate at this time. Cotter will craft a response.
2. Carrier reminded the Board of the Public Hearing to be held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 2nd regarding the Town Office and Police Station. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Information

- Certificates of Training – Police dept.
- DES Dredge & Fill application - Fortier
- 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 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Wanda G. McNamara

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date