

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
April 12, 2007**

Call to Order

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

Appointments

- 6:15 Rick and Penny Cooper, Paul LaRue and Deb Hogancamp

The Coopers and LaRue were present to discuss the flood potential from the beaver dam. They reviewed the information left by Ken Wright regarding the beaver dam along Route 63 near Twin Brook Rd. Cotter advised that Wright was more concerned with flooding from the Winchester Rd pond. Wright had offered to meet with the residents on Twin Brook Rd and walk the area of concern.

Cooper stated he had spoken with Tim Acerno, Fish & Game, who is also willing to meet with the residents. LaRue advised there was another dam down Twin Brook that is a concern. He asked what is the Town's liability for damage done if the dams were breeched? McKeon stated he didn't know but they are willing to work with the residents to try and get answers.

The Board will contact Wright and let Cooper know when he would be available. Cooper suggested that a weekday evening would work best around 5 p.m. Cooper will also ask Acerno to attend.

- 6:45 Leon Dunbar

Dunbar was involved in an accident this morning rolling the roll-off truck. He was not injured but the truck was totaled. The Board asked regarding Dunbar's health and urged him to get a medical checkup.

The Board asked Dunbar what happened. Dunbar stated he was leaving Windham Solid Waste driveway. He had secured the tarp and tried to shift and couldn't. He noticed that the PTO was on and then shut it off. He thinks that with the PTO, on the hydraulics went up causing the trailer being caught in the electric lines. He was traveling about 15 mph.

Dunbar stated he didn't know how the hydraulic went up but the button is near the seat and that could have hit the button.

The Board reviewed the pictures taken at the site. Bevis advised there was a fuel spill and the ECS was there for the clean up. The fuel was caught in a catch basin but the ECS may need to dig to do a thorough clean up.

Dunbar advised that Triple T and Windham Solid Waste would be hauling while decisions are made on how to proceed.

Bevis advised that newer trucks are required to have body-up lights to alert that the body is going up.

It was noted that there was to be a public hearing on May 3rd regarding increasing the rates for the Transfer Station. This will be postponed until the Board has time to review these rates.

Carrier advised that the claim form is in the mail today along with the police report and notice of the environmental damage.

For Signature

- Manifest #15
- Selectmen minutes – April 5th The Board signed the amended minutes.
- Forest Fire bills
- Yield Tax certificate
- Yield Tax warrant
- Intents to cut (2)
- Veterans Credit & Elderly Exemption application

For Discussion

- Construction Manager contract

The Board reviewed Andrew Safran's reply to Wesfield's response to the changes the Board would like to have in the contract. Carrier will contact Safran regarding the payment paragraphs and Cotter will contact Safran regarding the other issues in question. Carrier will ask that both Weller & Michal and Wesfield come to the next Select Board meeting. Carrier is still waiting to hear from Crocker regarding other paragraphs.

- ZBA membership

The Zoning Board needs to have a new regular member appointed to replace Charlie Reilly who has requested that he become an alternate due to his work situation. The Zoning Board Chair, Burt Riendeau recommends that Renee Fales, currently an alternate take Reilly's position.

The Board agreed to appoint Fales with a letter from Reilly requesting his change from regular to alternate member.

➤ E911 ride around

This will be rescheduled at a later date.

➤ Town Clerk workshop

Philbrick would like to attend a workshop with the Dept of Safety. The cost is \$35 and it is on a Wednesday and the deputy could cover the office hours. The Town Clerk policy requires prior approval from the Select Board.

The cost would be \$35 for the workshop and paying the deputy to cover the office. The Board agreed to authorize Philbrick to attend the workshop but that the deputy would only work the Wednesday hours that week and not on that Monday morning as would have been her regular schedule.

➤ Timber Values

The Board reviewed DRA's Stumpage Value list. The Board's policy has been to take the average value when calculating timber tax when receipts are not available. The Board agreed to use the average.

➤ Blocks on the lake

Bevis has asked if the Board wants the blocks removed from the boat ramp on the lake. There is still ice on the lake. He advised that fishing season opens April 28th but because there is still ice on the lake it is still unsafe for boaters. A wind could cause the ice to drift and fishermen have gotten caught and needed rescuing. The Board agreed to keep the blocks on the lake a while longer.

➤ Lake level

The Board discussed putting the stoplogs back in the dam. Carrier advised that the level is high for this time of year. There are no boards in the dam at this time. The Board agreed to authorize Bevis and Carrier to make the determination whether to put in the boards based on water level and weather.

➤ N. Hinsdale Rd

By law, North Hinsdale Rd should be open on April 10th. The road is not passable at this time. Should we use common sense and keep the road closed for a bit longer or does the Board want it open now? The road is classified as a "Road to summer cottages" and is closed from December 10th to April 10th. Bevis advised that due to the late snow he would recommend leaving it closed. The road opening would imply safety to enable a reasonable person to pass. Bevis stated that the Hinsdale Road Agent informed him that he would not be maintaining that portion of the road until May 1st. The Board agreed to keep the road closed.

➤ Citizen Corps grant

Marilyn Rousseau is working to establish a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). There is federal money available to get this up and running and it is Carrier's understanding that it does not require matching funds from the Town. Brockmann asked if this was similar to OEM. Carrier advised it is a volunteer non-government body. Cotter noted the words "Start Up" grant inferring that there could be costs later. The Board will review the handouts provided.

➤ Charitable/Religious exemptions

All qualifying Charitable and Religious organizations have submitted the proper documentation for their property tax exemptions. The Board reviewed the documents.

➤ Old business

There were no changes to the pending project list other than adding rescheduling the E911 ride around back on the list.

➤ Other business

1. Brockmann advised that the Chesterfield Fire Dept would be putting the roof out to bid.
2. Brockmann advised that Gilbert had worked one week in the Cemetery Dept and then due to the weather returned to the Highway Dept. The Cemetery truck requires repairs and got the better price at Emerson's.
3. McKeon advised that Van Houten had gone to the Cemetery Commission asking that they take on the job of mowing the school grounds. They advised her they did not have the personnel to take that on.
4. McKeon stated he is interested in getting a conflict of interest policy for the various boards in Town. Carrier will contact Peterborough as McKeon thought they had one in place. This could be used as a guideline for Chesterfield.
5. McKeon stated that the Board needed to look at Dunbar's accident and how it transpired. Could it have been avoided? The Board needs to know how, why and what can be set in place to prevent it's happening again. Perhaps alarms should be installed on all trucks to alert when the body is up. This should go to the Safety Committee.

The options on how to proceed need to be discussed.

- To finance another truck they could go to the Budget Committee with a funding proposal using funds from elsewhere in the budget.
- The Board could ask the courts to hold a special Town Meeting.
- Two budgets could be presented to the Town. An operating budget with a truck and one without a truck.

The Board will revisit this issue.

Information

- Selectmen’s Institute – Carrier advised that the institute covers the roles and responsibilities of Selectmen.
- DES wetlands application - Mitchell
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date