

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
February 1, 2007**

Call to Order

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

Appointments

- 6:15 Rick Cooper

Cooper presented a petition signed by the residents of Twin Brook Rd requesting that the Town take care of the beaver dam and the pond created by the dam on Route 63 in Friedsam Forest. Cooper also presented pictures of the flooding when the dam broke in 2004 causing substantial damage to the properties on Twin Brook Rd and Dean's Landing.

Karen and Justin Larue arrived at the meeting. They are residents on Dean's Landing and had also experienced damage done due to the flooding.

Cooper asked that the Town take care of the problem before more damage is done. He stated that traps had been placed, however, someone was tripping them. McKeon advised he would speak with Tom Duston, Conservation Commission Chair, as they are overseers of the forest.

Larue advised she is still concerned with the Stanclift driveway. McKeon stated they would get Bevis' input and would look at other culverts in the area.

- Ken Woodward (unscheduled)

Woodward advised that he lives on Old Chesterfield Rd and for years he was considered in the Chesterfield Fire Precinct. He was switched to the Spofford Fire Precinct in 1995. He asked why were the precinct designations redrawn and could something be done about it.

McKeon advised that Woodward could petition the town voters at Town Meeting to redraw. When Carrier returned to the meeting he advised that this is a Fire Precinct issue and not one for Town Meeting.

Woodward asked about his neighbor. He advised there were 20 – 25 unregistered vehicles in his yard. Carrier assured him that Greenwood is working on it.

For Signature

- Manifest #5
- Selectmen minutes – Jan 25th
- Intent to Cut – Cotton
- Yield Tax certification – McMaster
- Timber Tax warrant
- Senator Molly correspondence
- Welfare lien

For Discussion

- Budget Committee recommendations

The Board reviewed the recommended cuts from the Budget Committee. They cut the Gas & Oil lines in each department from \$2.75/gallon to \$2.50/gallon. The Board will support the Department Heads request for the following lines:

- Solid Waste
 - Miscellaneous
 - Contracted Services
- Highway
 - Small Equipment purchase
 - Asphalt
- Parks & Recreation
 - Bottom line
- Library
 - Bonus

The Board will also recommend that the following Warrant Articles remain:

- TS Heavy Equipment CRF \$30,000
- Roadways Construction CRF \$25,000
- Town Hall wiring for generator \$3,000

The Board believes these budget decisions were made using facts and this will give opportunity for the voters to hear from the department heads.

- Town Hall use request

The Asbury Church is requesting the use of the Town Hall 4 times in 2007 at no charge to host suppers. The dates are available and previous boards have approved the request. The Board agreed to allow the use of the Town Hall at no charge.

- Selectboard report – amended

The Board reviewed the amended report recommended by McNamara. The Board approved the amendment.

➤ Workers comp process

Carrier advised that he had contacted Primex, the Workers' Comp carrier and they stated that workers' comp will cover lost time after 3 days of being out for an approved claim. They would reimburse the first 3 days if the injury were such that 14 days of lost time is needed. Carrier asked Primex if other towns cover the first 3 days and was informed that a few towns do it.

Carrier recommends that if the Board wants to go this route that it be noted in the personnel policy and have the individual sign an agreement that the Town would be reimbursed if workers comp picks up the lost time, otherwise have the individual use sick time to make up hours.

The Board decided to keep the policy as it is and have the employee either use sick days or worker's comp.

➤ Election sign up period

Carrier advised that the Town Clerk is accepting signups for elected offices on Friday from 3 to 5 pm. As of this morning there are still vacancies for Library Trustees and the Budget Committee.

➤ Old business

Pond Brook Rd Flooding – McKeon advised that DES has contacted Greenwood and informed him that the flooding is not their problem. They noted that if the Town came up with a solution they would look at it. The Board discussed they were working on the behalf of the landowner and don't want to go in to make adjustments. The Board asked if Bevis had any approved drawings from DES. DES had also stated that the particular lot should not have been developed.

➤ Town Report handouts

The Board was given additional pages for the Town Report to review.

➤ Other business

1. NH Parks & Rec – The Board has been notified that the State will not cover the cost for a port-a-potty at the boat landing.

2. McKeon asked about the retaining wall and erosion on High St. Carrier advised that Bevis has contacted Mann to determine ownership of that property. Carrier will contact Bevis.

3. Dunbar had contacted McKeon and Cotter regarding questions he had for the CIP. McKeon had asked Dunbar to get quotes to replace the wall.

4. Nonpublic

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

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

5. The Board reviewed the Fire precinct designations.

Information

- Division of Parks and Recreation correspondence
- Code Enforcement Officer goals
- Revised Reassessment contract
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Wanda G. McNamara

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date