

**Town of Chesterfield  
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES  
May 3, 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**

- 7:00 Welcome Farm Roads acceptance public hearing

*Cotter moved to open the public hearing, which was seconded by Brockmann. The motion carried.*

McKeon advised that as far as the agreement with the Town the Board believes Cersosimo has fulfilled all the requirements in the agreement.

Bevis asked:

- 1) If the stop lines were part of the Planning Board approved plan. Carrier will research this.
- 2) If cul-de-sac was to be one way. Cotter stated that because of the way that the cul-de-sac is shaped it is natural to go one way. Bevis stated he was concerned when Town vehicles are in there and would like to see a one-way sign installed. He advised that large trucks could be seen but snow banks could conceal smaller vehicles.
- 3) Bevis noted that Bovine Blvd, a Class VI road needed to be taken into consideration with taking Meadow View Rd as Meadow View is off Bovine. He was concerned with the precedent of maintaining a Class VI and that maintaining it would technically change it to a class V after 5 years of maintenance. McKeon stated the change could be just the paved portion of Bovine to Class V.

McKeon asked if Cersosimo still needed to put in the stop lines. Carrier stated this was not in the Select Board's agreement with Cersosimo. It may be in the Planning Board subdivision agreement.

Bevis stated he would like to see the road taken now to give him the opportunity to work with the residents regarding the mailboxes at the edge of the pavement prior to next winter's plowing season.

*Cotter moves to accept Meadow View Rd and Locust Ln as Town roads contingent upon research to see if the stop lines were required in the agreement. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.*

➤ 7:15 Bart Bevis

1. Bevis presented a list of scheduled work. He advised that he couldn't be more specific due to residents and weather that could change the schedule. The Board asked when ditching would be done. Bevis stated they do it in September/October. He stated that last year's ditching helped to prevent problems during the heavy rain events that had affected area towns this year.

2. Bevis advised that the boards in Spofford Dam are in at the summer level, 716.10.

3. McKeon asked Bevis about Adler working through his lunch hour resulting in overtime. Bevis stated he has already spoken with Adler. The Board's policy is that departments work scheduled hours without unnecessary overtime.

**For Signature**

- Manifest #18
- Selectmen minutes – April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Intent to cut – Hulick
- Yield tax certificates (2)
- Yield tax warrant
- Federal Surplus Program agreement

**For Discussion**

- Construction Manager contract

Cotter advised per his conversation with Jim Loney they would agree to the \$75,000 contingency fund coming out of the contract along with a paragraph that would be stricken because it doesn't make sense with the amendments.

The Board explained the procedure to the public regarding the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the construction manager. Duane Chickering expressed his concern with possibly losing the bids if the contract is delayed. He asked how long the bids are good for. Cotter advised it would depend on how the bids were done.

*Cotter moves to authorize Carrier to sign the contract. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.*

*Brockmann moves to authorize Carrier to get the building permit for the Town Office Complex once the contract is signed. Cotter seconded the motion, which carried.*

Van Houten noted the Brattleboro Reformer article on the Town Office Complex and stated there should be a spokes-person for the Town to speak for the entire Board and not individual members.

➤ Beaver dam tour

McKeon advised of the meeting with Ken Wright from the Cheshire County Conservation and the residents on Twin Brook Rd. McKeon had submitted notes regarding the meeting and they are attached to these minutes.

McKeon stated that Brockmann had asked what time could be saved if the water level were lowered before flooding. Bevis advised that it's not necessarily the volumes of water but the debris that causes problems when it jams culverts. Bevis suggests a spillway on the side of the dam as a relief valve. McKeon advised that Wright is looking into a grant possibility.

Bevis stated that there are large trees down in Catsbane Brook, which he sees as a greater threat. This jam has diverted the brook toward Brook St. If it goes further and the water runs down the street it would threaten the bridge. He advised this needed to be looked at. He noted that Catsbane is a protected brook. McKeon stated he would contact the Conservation Commission to get them looking at it.

➤ Transfer Station truck

The Board reviewed the pictures taken of the inside of the truck and the location of the levers. McKeon stated they needed to decide on the truck transportation portion of the Transfer Station.

*Cotter moved to go into Non-Public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c). Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.*

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

Carrier advised that the insurance would cover the Verizon and Central Vermont Public Service. Allard Lumber is working with the insurance company for the lost work time. The environmental cleanup is not covered. The Board asked Carrier if the insurance money for the truck could be used to cover hauling costs. Carrier advised that the RSA's allow spending of unexpected revenue with a public hearing. He suggested that the funds go toward the \$9,000 clean up bill.

The Board asked if Dunbar has looked at the budget and costs without the truck and also the part-time labor use now that he is not hauling. The Board would like Dunbar to give an estimated budget to have others haul and also look at how this incident affects the budget.

Carrier advised that Dunbar uses 3 people on Saturdays during the summer due to a busier schedule. The Board asked is there is a need for 3 people for the entire 10 hours on Saturdays.

➤ Highway roof bid advertisement

The Board reviewed the ad for the Highway roof project bids. The Board suggested adding, “relocating electrical and mechanical boxes as necessary” to the ad.

➤ Permitting flow chart

The Board reviewed the permitting flow chart. Amendments were suggested to include the Planning Board Consultation and ZBA requirement if necessary prior to the formal application to the Planning Board. The ZBA is mentioned in 2 locations in the event it is not picked up during consultation due to the general aspect of consultations.

➤ Tax deeding properties

The Board will table this until next week in the event more tax payments are made.

➤ Welcome to Chesterfield sign

It was noted that the Chesterfield sign on Route 63 coming from Hinsdale is in disrepair. A picture was presented of the sign. Duane Chickering advised that there was a quote to replace a sign destroyed in a car accident for approximately \$500. He will look into the evidence jacket to get the information. He advised that the signs were dedicated to Joan Dietrich and are important to people in Town.

Repairing the sign depends on the material of the sign if it could be repaired or if it needed to be replaced. It was noted that the damage to this sign was done due to rocks hitting it while plowing. Carrier suggested that once the sign was replaced to cover it with an acrylic shield to help protect the sign. Chickering advised that the Lyons Club had originally done the signs.

It was suggested that all the Town signs be examined to see if any others need maintenance.

➤ Old business

Cersosimo Welcome Farm Rds – The roads are accepted contingent upon the stop line research.

E911 Ride around – The ride around is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Highway Summer Schedule – The Board discussed the 4-day workweek. McKeon had reviewed studies showing the loss of production with hours over 8 hours/day. The percentage of lost efficiency goes up the more hours worked. The other issue is if anything required a call in on Friday it would be overtime exposure. Carrier had spoken with Bevis to discuss a split shift to cover all 5 days and Bevis stated that would not be a problem and he would have work for the crew to do. It was asked if splitting the shift with 3 days having a full crew and only a crew of 2 for 2 days would be beneficial or would having a full crew for 4 days be better. It would not be

beneficial to just have busy work. The Board would like Bevis to look at this more closely.

- Other business

Brockmann mentioned the House bill dealing with burning untreated lumber.

**Information**

- State port-a-potty correspondence
- Cheshire County budget
- OHRV grant notice
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross  
Secretary

Approved by:

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Jon McKeon, Chairperson

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Daniel J. Cotter

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Date

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Robert Brockmann

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Date

Attendees:

Rick & Penny Cooper  
Karen & LaRue  
Jim Stancliff  
Bob Brockman  
Jon McKeon  
Dan Cotter (later)  
Ken Wright  
Tink  
Nick Goulas  
Amy & Don Lafontaine

The group (excluding Dan) walked from the lower level ( Twin brook Road bridge) to the existing pond S. side of Rt. 63. there was conversation along the way was to do with history, brook bed conditions, elevation slopes and future beaver dam locations.

When we reached the dam we observed a beaver swimming around. This was the talking points from the observations.

- Ken Believes that a “beaver Deceiver” would help reduce the level of water in the existing pond
- Bob B. asked Ken to calculate what the influence of reducing the water level of the present dam in 1' increments.
- Ken believes that the possibility of water damage is greater that he first thought.
- Ken worried about the back up of water under 63 and then collecting in the field on the N. side of 63
- Ken worried about the “turn in the river at Stancliff’s garage, Erosion mainly. He is looking into a grant he has seen for a remediation solution.
- Jon Asked Ken to surmise all the information and give a written report to the Select board for our use. He is also going to copy the residences that were present.