

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
February 14, 2008**

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.

Appointment

➤ Bevis, Unscheduled

Bevis came in to give the Board an update on the latest storm and to explain the process he used in caring for the roads. He stated that as of Wednesday afternoon they started getting deliveries of salt. They have been trying to keep up with sand for the use of the residents and because of the type of storm there ended up being lines to get the sand.

Bevis advised that his salt budget line is fine; it is the availability of the salt that was difficult. He explained they were using limited application of Activate to heat up the salt to melt the thick patches of ice.

Bevis advised that he got a call from a woman on Rounds Rd saying that her husband slipped and fell on the road and threatened to sue the Town.

Bevis advised that his crew, after working there 7:00 am to 3:30 pm shift was called out Tuesday at 8:30 pm to Wednesday at 9:00 pm. He explained that North Hinsdale Rd was slush and he couldn't put down material on the road until it froze because it would not have worked. He advised that Rounds Rd did get plowed but water was trapped. His crew sanded icy spots.

Bevis stated that overall he got more compliments than complaints this storm.

Bevis stated he broke his little toe while cutting a birch tree that was blocking Erbhof Rd. He did not go to the doctors.

For Signature

- Manifest #7
- Selectmen minutes – Feb 7th
- Department Head budget letters
- Goals – Transfer Station

For Discussion

➤ Town reports

The Chesterfield Fire District and the School District reports as well as the Library financial pages were available for the Board to review. The Town Report will be going to the printers tomorrow.

➤ Town Office/PD open houses

Carrier advised that it is his understanding that there would be at least 2 open houses; one for the public and the second sponsored by Ocean Bank. The bank sponsored open house would be for area businesses. Hogancamp had advised Carrier they would like to serve alcohol. The Board discussed this and had some reservations with liability issues. Cotter asked if it is appropriate for the Town facility. Brockmann stated that alcohol is allowed in the Town Hall and if Ocean Bank has liability coverage it seems to be alright.

Cotter opposes alcohol flat out and questions why Ocean Bank is sponsoring an open house in the Town facility for businesses. McKeon suggested having one open house and if Ocean would like to donate toward this it would be alright. Cotter will speak with Hogancamp.

The date of the open house would be planned after the departments have settled in. They discussed having it in May.

➤ Town Hall cupola

The Board reviewed the 2 repair options from Marvin Smart; one for a short term fix and one for the total repair. The Board decided they would like to get it completely done to avoid this issue coming up again. They would like another quote for the job. Cotter suggested they call Jonathan Jessop Restorations and will get the contact information to Carrier.

➤ Town Office Future Options committee

The Board was looking for a 9 member committee with balanced views for the disposition of the current Town Office building. There are presently 7 members and the Board will contact 2 others for the full committee.

➤ Planning Board alternate

Brad Chesley has expressed interest in joining the Planning Board as an alternate member. The Board asked Carrier to advertise in the paper and then set up meetings with the Board.

➤ Town Office/PD project

A pencil requisition has been received from Wesfield for the Board to review. There will be a construction meeting on Wednesday, February 20th. Brockmann advised he would be available if McKeon couldn't make the meeting.

➤ Old Business

E911 – The Board chose an end date for this project to be April 17th.

Earley use of Town Property – Cotter advised he would speak to Buckley at the Spofford Fire's meeting on February 18th.

Public Works Mail Box – The Board chose an end date for this to be April 17th.

Bevis' Goals – The Board discussed a step toward Bevis getting his Associate Degree.

Compost bins – Carrier advised that Dunbar has placed a poster at the Town Offices advertising the bins. Dunbar will be responsible to promote these at Town Meeting.

Project Information for Master Plan – Carrier advised he had given Bevis the minutes when this had been discussed and copies of the 4 pages of the Master Plan. The Board set an end date of April 17th. The Board wanted to convey to Bevis that if he needed any more information or assistance to contact Carrier.

Oaths of Office – Van Houten has come in and Bob Griffin was called today asking that he come in. Sue Kelleher's appointment paper will be available at the Planning Board meeting Monday, February 18th. The other two members of the Conservation Commission will have their appointment papers available for their meeting on February 27th.

Compactor information – The Board wanted to make it clear that Dunbar would keep track of pulls to include the weight and pressure used to compact.

➤ Other business

1. McKeon advised he attended the PD Department meeting.

➤ Call-out stipend. The officers wanted a call-out stipend. Fairbanks disagreed and advised it could add \$11,000 to the budget. It was noted that the officers are paid a 2 hour minimum when they are called out.

➤ Detail payment - This is an item that is reimbursed. Paying time and ½ of the lieutenant's rate was discussed to be used for any that work details.

➤ Salary Survey – Chickering asked if the Board would look a survey comparing the Chesterfield PD pay rates with other towns throughout the State with populations 1,000 above and below that of Chesterfield. McKeon stated that the Board would look at it if it were presented with rationales. Cotter noted that the officers in Town had advantages that Keene officers don't have in regard to being available to their families during their paid shifts. Brockmann asked if there were a separate PD personnel policy and Carrier advised that there is; it is their operation procedure manual.

➤ PD 5-year plan - It was noted that Dave Eldridge is doing detective work. Fairbanks hasn't submitted his 5-year plan to the Board as requested and the Board questioned if there were a reason not to submit it. Carrier will contact Fairbanks.

2. Cotter advised the reference to Department Heads in the letter is there because the Budget Committee has offered to work with the Board in the budget process if asked by the Board. Brockmann advised that a couple of years ago the Budget Comm. Members were assigned to various departments to help in the process but few members attended the department meetings. The Board agreed they would be open to collaboration with the Budget Comm.

3. Cotter advised that he had been included in an e-mail from Christopher Pope, OEM State rep, and Cotter questioned the information Pope had given and found that most of Pope's facts were incorrect. Cotter is scheduled to meet with Pope regarding this information and wanted Brockmann to know as he is the OEM Select Board representative. Brockmann had no problem with this.

Information

➤ Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Legal

A letter was received from Tom Mullins advising he was leaving the firm to take a position of City Attorney for Keene. Jeff Crocker will be handling the Town's cases.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date