

Town of Chesterfield Board of Selectmen

MINUTES January 31, 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.

For Signature

- Manifest #5
- Selectmen minutes – Jan 24th
- Veterans Tax Credit
- Administrator goals
- Appointment paper – Parks & Rec

For Discussion

- Budget Committee recommendations

1. Library Budget - The BC cut the operating budget by \$2,313, which is the total of the 2008 bonus request of \$1,200 and the 2007 actual bonus expenditure of \$1,113. Cotter advised he would like to see the budget remain as presented. The Board agreed.

The Board wants the BC to answer at Town Meeting why they had cut this and have the Library Trustees answer why they paid a bonus in 2007.

2. Roadway CRF - \$25,000. The BC cut this item as there was no rationale given to support this especially this year with the first bond payment on the TO/PD building. The Board noted that if there had been a plan it would have been easier to defend. The Board agreed to remove it from the warrant.

3. Cistern – The Board noted that the cost would never go down and there is no saying the grant would be available later on. The Old Chesterfield pond project may or may not be given a grant from the State. Even if the Town got the grant, where would the Town get the matching funds?

Cotter advised that the beaver pond pipe has been broken for 2 years and to get water a suction pump must be used. It was noted that the cistern would not have the same maintenance as ponds.

McKeon stated the cistern would provide protection for the school and Town Office/PD building. Brockmann suggested leaving the cistern money in and the Board agreed.

Carrier asked if the State would commit the funds to next year would the Board consider putting this off until next year to see what happens with the current Town Office building. It was noted that Bevis had found ledge about 8 ft down at the Chesterfield Fire Dept site when doing the test pits.

The Board agreed to keep it in the warrant as recommended and if more information is given by Town Meeting time this could be changed on the floor at Town Meeting.

4. Transfer Station Heavy Equip CRF (\$10,000) – The BC thought that with \$41,000 in the fund there was adequate funds for the purchase of a \$16,000 compactor and a used backhoe for \$25,000. Cotter advised that with the trade in they could get a backhoe for \$32,000. He agreed removing this CRF. The Board agreed.

Cotter left the meeting in order to attend the Budget Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

➤ Town reports

Carrier had supplied additional reports to be included in the Town Report for the Board to review.

➤ Town Hall cupola

Marvin Smart had submitted proposals for the repairs and bracing of the cupola for the Board to review. This item was tabled for 2 weeks to have the full Board available to make a decision.

➤ Transfer Station memos

1. Blum's hours at the Transfer Station – The Board reviewed Dunbar's memo regarding Blum's hours and advised that extra hours were required to do year end paper work and do filing.

2. Dunbar submitted a memo requesting that the Board consider supporting the TS Heavy Equip CRF of \$10,000.

3. Compost bins – Brockmann suggested if Dunbar wants to encourage recycling, it could be promoted at Town Meeting by having a table with the bins displayed as well as information explaining how to recycle and compost.

4. Dunbar submitted his 2008 vacation schedule. McKeon stated that if a meeting isn't regularly scheduled it is difficult for the Department Heads to plan vacations. Having a schedule would allow everyone to plan and it would reduce the number of conflicts. Carrier stated that there is savings in booking vacation trips early. The Board discussed scheduling Budget Committee public hearings and the Summer Informational Meeting early in the year.

➤ Town Office/PD project

Carrier requested that holes be put in the reception room counter top to allow for possible future electrical equipment access to the outlet under the counter. The Board agreed to have 2 holes done.

➤ Bevis & Dunbar goals

The Board would like input from Dunbar regarding his goals. McKeon will contact Bevis regarding the Civil Engineer Assoc degree.

➤ Old Business

Compost bins – As noted earlier the Board recommends that Dunbar promote the sale of the bins at Town Meeting with an order list to purchase the bins; checks to be made payable to the bin distributor.

E911 – The Board would like to have an end date for this project.

Master Plan Project Information – McKeon stated that according to the Master Plan there were numerous reports given and nothing has been done. He would like Bevis to submit the project information including engineer reports and movement tracking for the following: Pond Brook Rd Culvert, Mountain Rd structural reports, High St retaining wall re-grading report, North Shore Rd reports regarding Spofford Lake drainage, River Rd, North Hinsdale Rd and Old Ferry Rd.

➤ Other business

1. Carrier advised that the next PD department meeting will be February 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the PD Station. One Board member will plan to attend.
2. Zamore has given his 2 week notice. An ad has been placed in the paper for a full-time officer.
3. McKeon advised that the Planning Board is still reviewing the Master Plan.
4. Ross advised that a request to rehear Kwader's ZBA application has been received and will be addressed by the ZBA at their next meeting.

Information

- Police Officer resignation
- Transfer Station employee certificate of attendance
- Fire Mutual Aid System grant meeting
- BTLA confirmation notice of tax
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date