

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
May 15, 2008**

Call to Order

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM. Others in attendance were Board members Dan Cotter, Bob Brockmann and Administrator Rick Carrier.

Appointments

➤ 6:30 Deb Hogancamp

Hogancamp advised she and Walsh need to have access to the building to install more of the hanging system and to start hanging art. They cannot do it during the day because of their jobs. She advised that the Police Dept and Ross have volunteered to open the building while they did the work. The Board approved of the afterhours opening.

Hogancamp stated they have had very good response from artisans and should have art for quite some time.

Hogancamp asked if there were any conclusion on the open house. The Board wants the first open house to be for the Town's people. The second one could be for the businesses as proposed by Ocean National. The Board suggests the public time be on a Saturday as it may be easier for folks to attend and the business time the following Friday evening. The Board does not think it is appropriate to serve alcohol at the open house.

Hogancamp will come back a couple of weeks after the move into the new building. How to get the information to the public was discussed. She suggested posting notices and having slips available with the information at the Library and Transfer Station and having it noted in the School Newsletter. Bulk mailing was discussed but may be cost prohibitive. The School will be contacted regarding mailing suggestions.

➤ 7:00 Bart Bevis

1. Dick Wolf – The Board advised that Wolf was at the meeting last week complaining about the condition of Hulslander Rd and not getting a return call from Bevis after leaving 2 messages asking when the road would be graded. Bevis had relayed to his secretary that the grader had broken down and they would be out when they could. Bevis advised that when there is a deficiency in a road he would go down and inspect it. He found the road to be all right. The Board informed Bevis that Slater had told them that he had repaired the road himself.

Bevis stated he takes responsibility for not returning the call. The Board suggested that because of his busy schedule his secretary could help with returning calls. Bevis stated that often people want to speak with him directly.

Bevis advised that Wolf said his road hadn't been graded since 2006. He asked his crew and was told that the road was graded in 2007 as well as fixing the entrance to Wolf's driveway where it connects to Hulslander due to the grade.

The Board stated they understand that Bevis has priorities on roads. Bevis stated that the grader is back at Nortrax for repairs. He is trying to get a loaner or a rental. He advised the loader isn't due for replacement until 2014 but if he has one more major breakdown with the grader they will be in trouble. They have spent well over \$35,000 since 2006. He has spoken to the dealer about a lease to own. A new vehicle would cost \$205,000 less the \$20,000 trade in. There would be a payment of \$41,000/year for 5 years or if the 1st year were deferred, \$43,200 for 5 years. These would include a 7 year warranty. McKeon suggested he look at the cost for an engine rebuild. Bevis said he would. Bevis will look at this in regard to the Capital Reserve Fund.

2. Bevis submitted the 2008 Highway Operating Plan. The list is a rough outline and dependent upon vacation schedules, vendor availability, equipment failures, weather and funds for the projects.

3. Road repair updates

- Mountain and River Roads – Bevis advised he has done extensive research with the USDA and Army Corp of Engineers. He found a law on the books since 1946, Section 14 – calling for assistance to fix inland infrastructures at a 65/35 split. He was advised by the Corp that they take 1st come 1st serve instead of by priority. The Corp recommended that he call Congressman Hodes. Hodes advised Bevis to send a letter to the Corp initiating action. After two weeks send a letter to Hodes requesting expedition. This assistance would address Mountain and River Roads. Debbie Weymouth was down taking pictures. She is trying to get an engineer to come down. Bevis advised he is trying to get as much funds as possible.
- Bevis advised he will be cutting back on resurfacing because so much has been invested in shimming. He is taking priority roads.
- Bevis advised he has not addressed Ferry and North Shore Roads.
- Pond Brook Rd culvert – Bevis advised that he has measured from the culvert to a large solid rock and it has not moved laterally, however, the headwall is going to fail; it is bowing out.
- Old Chesterfield Rd culvert grant of \$46,000. He is sending a letter requesting extension to the State. The Board reviewed the letter.

The Board asked that Blum type the information up regarding the disposition of the road projects.

4. Bevis asked who the Town engineer is for Pontiac Dr in order to approve the road. McKeon stated that the Planning Board advised Emery and Beal that an independent engineer should be hired at the cost of the property owner to make sure that the road

had been constructed as planned. The Land Development Regulations note the process of inspection through to construction of the road. Bevis will contact Roger advising that Emery and Beal need to take care of this.

The Town engineer comes into play when the Town goes to accept the road. This also is an independent engineer hired at the cost of the property owner.

5. The Highway summer schedule begins right after Memorial Day through Labor Day.

For Signature

- Manifest #20
- Selectmen minutes – May 8th
- Property Tax warrant
- Forest Fire bills (5)
- Timber tax certificate
- Timber tax warrant
- Tax Collector not to deed letters (2)

For Discussion

- Summer Meeting Schedule

Carrier provided a calendar for June through August. The Board will start the every other week meetings with June 5th being off. The Summer Informational Meeting will be August 21st at the new Town Office meeting room.

- Late elderly exemption application

Carrier advised that an elderly exemption was received on May 7th. This individual is qualified to receive the exemption. The deadline for applications is April 15th. RSA 72:33 allows for acceptance of a late application if they are “prevented by accident, mistake or misfortune” in a timely manner. This individual claims they have been sick for months. The Board agreed to approve the exemption application. They signed the exemption.

- Stow Mills abatement

This discussion is tabled till next week when the assessor is present with his research.

- Intent to deed properties

A list of the properties intended for deeding next week was given to the Board. There are 2 new property owners on the list. Cotter will contact them.

➤ Fuller correspondence

The Board reviewed the complaint from the Fullers regarding the use of the Custom Drive Shaft property with references to the parking of cars in various states of disrepair as well as outside the 36 designated parking spaces and noise.

The Board asked that Greenwood be made aware of the complaint. The Planning Board file was reviewed for the additional parking spaces request. The Board also reviewed the 1998 Zoning Board file where repairs were allowed on the site. The Board asked that Greenwood or Cunningham address the parking and junk yard ordinance violations. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the Fullers advising that the Code Enforcement Department will be looking into their concerns.

➤ TO/PD updates

- The offices are scheduled to move to the new building on Friday, May 30th. The moving company came in to do a thorough review and estimate yesterday. The cost is \$9,000. They estimate a 2 day move (Friday and Saturday). Carrier has arranged for Greenwood and Gordon to start moving items that are not needed for the next couple of weeks as this will lower the cost of the moves.
- The as-built plans have been received on disk. The Board asked Carrier to contact Michal to see if he has reviewed them. Copies of the plans and an index will be made available for the Board.
- PHD (telephone company) has agreed to pay for the repair of the carpet in front of the PD dispatcher office.

➤ Old Business

Public Works Dept mailbox – the box has been installed and the change of addresses is being processed with the new 911 #.

Project Info-Master Plan notes – The information will come to the Board in writing from Bevis per McKeon's request.

Oaths of Office – Brockmann had spoken with Griffin and was told to come by during the weekend as he will be home. Brockmann went over but Griffin was gone.

Bonus, Merit & Conflict of Interest – McKeon will be getting the Conflict of Interest policy to Planning Board Monday, the Library Tuesday and the Conservation Commission Wednesday.

➤ Other business

1. Brockmann gave an overview of the ZBA meeting. He also advised of the Right to Know legislation in regard to e-mail.
2. Cotter advised that the Right to Know legislation has passed and is awaiting the governor's signature.
3. Carrier pointed out the correspondence to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.
4. Carrier advised that a wetlands application has been submitted for the flexible pond permit for deterring beaver dams along Route 63.

Information

- Correspondence to Trustees of Trust Funds
- Wetlands application
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Legal

Kwader – Town Attorney, Tower has filed notice of appearance.
Nesbitt has filed a Motion to Reconsider.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date