

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
February 18, 2009**

Call to Order

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM. Others in attendance were Board member Bob Brockmann and Administrator Rick Carrier. Dan Cotter was absent.

Appointments

➤ 6:30 John Zannotti

Zannotti was present for the Wares Grove septic discussion. The Board reviewed Steve Pro's cost analysis for various proposals for the replacement of the Wares Grove septic. Pro included the beach facility and the residence and moving the Clean Solution toward the recreation building. McKeon stated he sees the only practical options are the Clean Solution for the Beach only or the Clean Solution for the beach and the residence. Neither of these options included replacing the leach field. Pro had stated that the Clean Solution could likely restore the leach field.

Zannotti stated that the cottage hasn't been kept up over the years and is now at a catch-up stage. Including the cottage into the plan increases the cost by \$6,900. McKeon stated if we wait to do something with the cottage it could double the cost with permitting.

Zannotti stated he sees two approaches; do it right from the start and install the Enviro-Septic and replace the leachfield and include the entire facility or use the Clean Solution, replace the leachfield and include both facilities. Both these options cost approximately \$68,700.

McKeon stated that if we wait to do the leachfield, include both the beach and the residence it would cost \$43,400. He believes that the leachfield could restore itself with the Clean Solution as recommended by Pro. He stated that by not replacing the leachfield now we gamble \$5,000 with a chance of saving \$25,000. He stated that if this were his home that is what he would do. Zannotti asked if a leachfield is so bad that it might not come back. McKeon stated that Clean Solution does a good job but there is a chance the leachfield could be that bad.

It was noted that there would be a \$200 annual maintenance cost. McKeon recommends going for the \$43,500 for the septic warrant article. Brockmann asked if there is anything in the budget to offset this cost. Zannotti stated that the Budget items not recommended by the Budget Comm came to \$75,000. McKeon stated they would talk about it with a full board.

McKeon stated that the roads CRF should be for upfront costs i.e. engineering and research and not for the actual projects. The Board decided to amend the septic warrant article from \$20,000 to \$43,500 on the floor of Town Meeting.

For Signature

- Manifest #8
- Selectmen minutes – Feb 11th

For Discussion

- Board/Committee appointments

Carrier advised that Paul Shapiro is unable to serve on the P&R Commission. He stated that currently there is one vacancy on the P&R Comm. There is also only one alternate on the Planning Board. The Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board also have room for more alternates.

The Board will have a poster at Town Meeting noting the openings. Zannotti stated the P&R Comm had put an ad in the school newsletter last month but has had no response.

- State Aid to Municipalities

Carrier advised that the Governor's budget for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 include a provision to suspend payment to towns or revenue sharing and meals and room tax distributions. Chesterfield received \$192,000 from the State for these items. This would increase the Town's tax rate by 35¢ for FY 2010 and 2011. The Governor is also proposing to reduce the state share of retirement contributions for teachers and police officers from 35% to 30%, increasing the town's share by \$2,000 for police officers and the school's share for teachers by \$8,500.

Senator Molly Kelly has asked to meet with the Board next week. If she is able to make the meeting the Board will use this opportunity to ask about several legislative issues.

Carrier advised that on March 2nd there is a LGC meeting and he would represent the Board if they wished. The Town would have one vote at this meeting. He asked the Board's opinion on legalized gambling. McKeon stated that he personally doesn't see it as a positive revenue stream from the State. Brockmann agreed. Brockmann expressed interest in attending the meeting. He will let Carrier know.

- Town Office Building front entryway (Tuesday, February 17th)

This was a continuance of last Wednesday's Selectmen's meeting. Carrier advised that because there was no quorum, no minutes were taken. McKeon and Carrier met with Charles Michal. Michal took pictures and advised he would contact Bob

Stevens. Carrier advised he received a cc of the e-mail Michal sent to Stevens with the attached pictures. The Board decided to wait a week to get a response.

➤ Pontiac Drive

Emery has submitted a Letter of Credit for Pontiac Dr that meets the approval of the Town Attorney. The only outstanding item is payment for the Title search. A public hearing was scheduled for March 4th to accept Pontiac Dr as a Town road.

➤ Other business

McKeon advised he had attended the Library Trustees meeting and brought up part-time employee compensation. He was advised by the Trustees that they would continue with the policy because they have done it so long. When that position is replaced they would bring that position in line with Town policy. It was also noted there didn't seem to be a limit to sick/vacation days.

Information

- Keene City Council invitation
- Treasurer's report
- Lost Cloud fax
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Daniel J. Cotter

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date