

Town of Chesterfield Board of Selectmen

MINUTES July 8, 2009

Call to Order

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Others in attendance were Board member Bob Brockmann and Administrator Rick Carrier. Cliff Emery was absent.

Appointments

- 6:30 NHDOT – Don Lyford & Mike Dugas

Lyford and Dugas were present to show the proposed plan to fix the section on Route 63 by Spofford Lake. They had 2 plans; one involving going closer to the lake and the other into the bank across the road from the lake. Lyford advised it would widen the road to 10 ft lanes with 2 ft shoulders. Brockmann stated that the residents had been concerned that widening the road and straightening it would cause speeds to go up. McKeon stated that the only time people slow down is through the S curve. Dugas stated that it is human nature to speed up when you are comfortable and that is why the plan would be keeping some of the S curve.

Dugas stated they wanted direction from the Board on the preferred plan; moving closer to the lake or toward the other side. McKeon stated he is concerned with the broken guardrail for the safety condition of the road and he would like to stay away from the lake side as far as possible to keep a filter between the road and the lake. Brockmann asked about salt contamination in the lake. McKeon stated if a drainage swale were done on the hillside of the road to prevent water crossing the road the water would filter through the soil. DOT advised that the road could be pitched toward the bank and the drainage swale.

DOT will make a presentation of the plan at the Summer Informational meeting on August 19th. They will have a better sense of the plan with the slopes. Paper copies of the plan were given to the Board as well as the existing condition plat. This information can also be obtained through DOT's website.

- 7:30 Deb Hogancamp

Hogancamp was present representing the Arch Bridge Preservation and Beautification Society. This group has met since 2003 to discuss the potential for the pedestrian bridge crossing the Connecticut River. NH has given permission to pursue this volunteer project on the condition they received permission from the State of Vermont. 90% of the bridge is owned by NH and 10% by VT.

Hogancamp advised they were made aware of an 80/20 grant they may qualify for by Southwest Regional Planning Commission. United Natural Foods also has a green committee who look for projects like this to support. Neil Jenness is pursuing historic classification for the bridge.

Hogancamp stated they are filing to incorporate the group to allow them to pursue grants. She stated that Windham Correctional would care for the VT side of the bridge and Saba has been maintaining the NH side. The bridge is to be named Harlan Fisk Stone Bridge.

In the 1936 Flood a bridge went down in this area. A diving club will be trying to locate remnants of the bridge later this month. This would support the idea to maintain the bridge so that this would not occur again.

McKeon asked what the Board could do for the Society. Hogancamp stated they have submitted a letter of intent for the grant and the grant would need the Board's support. McKeon stated he would support the project.

Hogancamp stated that on July 19th they are having a work day to clean the bridge.

For Signature

- Manifest #28
- Selectmen minutes – June 24th & 25th
- DRA form MS-5 (3 copies)
- Intents to cut – Rancourt & Macie
- Yield tax abatement
- Yield tax certification
- Yield tax warrant
- DRA request PA-28
- Administrator Employment Agreement
- Appointment paper –P&R
- Payroll change notice – P&R

For Discussion

- Fire evacuation procedure

Carrier advised that he asked Bevis to design fire exit maps which he did and Bevis also laminated the plans. The Board reviewed the maps and approved of their placement. Carrier asked how the Board wanted them attached to the walls. McKeon will get something that could be removed easily.

- Drainage issues – Stevens & Associates

The Board reviewed the drainage plan drawn by Stevens. There were copies of letters he had sent out requesting bids for the work. The Board would like the

request for bids to be sent to other local contractors. Carrier will contact them tomorrow.

McKeon stated that he thought that the drains would have to be moved out from the roof valleys but this would be a minor change in the plan.

➤ Sinkhole & Wesfield payment

The Board reviewed Harrington's response regarding the sinkhole. He advised he had spoken with Bill Coutts and he will stop and take a look at the hole and make whatever repairs are needed.

Harrington also requested the balance of the contract payment. The Board asked that Carrier contact him and advise they are waiting for him to fulfill the contract and when there is satisfactory completion of the items addressed in the letter sent to him on March 18, 2009 he would be paid. Carrier will e-mail Harrington and forward a copy of the March letter.

Carrier noted that the folding pantry door was off the tracks. The warranty has expired. He will have Greenwood or Gordon look at it.

➤ Deputy Code Officer report – Custom Driveshaft

The Board reviewed Cunningham's report. They want to send a letter of cure to Goderre to give notice to him to correct the situation. Carrier will contact Crocker.

➤ Fire Precinct charge for accidents

Carrier had spoken with a LGC attorney regarding the legality of charging for responding to auto accidents. The attorney insisted that the Fire Precincts consult with their attorneys before implementing a charge.

The Board suggested that Emery could follow up with the Precincts.

➤ Bokum correspondence – Code Enforcement

The Board reviewed the letter. They reserve comment until Greenwood reviews the letter and gets back to the Board.

➤ Highway Capital Reserve Fund schedule

The Board reviewed the 3 scenarios supplied by Bevis to replace the grader and the backhoe. McKeon stated he doesn't see the logic of the plan as most parts on the grader are new. We are spending money annually to repair but that would happen with a new grader too. Carrier stated that Bevis would say it is the time down during the repair that is a problem. It was noted that repairs can occur on new vehicles also and paying \$10,000 annually to fix would be less than a new one. Eventually it would get to the point that it would have to be replaced but McKeon doesn't think it is now.

The Board tabled the discussion until a full Board was present. The Board asked that Bevis supply the last 5 years of repair bills for the grader.

➤ Next week's manifest

The manifest will be ready for signing by Tuesday afternoon.

➤ Old Business

Spofford Place – Carrier advised that \$150,000+ is due for taxes on Spofford Place and \$20,000 on the Van Oene property.

Camp Spofford Pilot agreement – Olson had supplied the financial statements and the camp itineraries. The Board will review this information and discuss it at the next meeting.

➤ Other business

1. Carrier gave a copy of the Town Clerk Compensation Policy for the Board to review. He advised that Rudolph would be coming to the next meeting to request an additional week's vacation for the first months she was Town Clerk. It was noted that the Policy was voted in at Town Meeting and cannot be changed without Town Meeting approval.

2. Parks & Recreation Wares Grove Recreational Enhancement Fund – The P&R Commission are requesting that a check be drawn out of the Fund. The Selectboard are authorized to request these funds but they could authorize Zannotti to sign. McKeon stated the reason the Board signs is so they will know what is going out and for what reason. The Board will continue to be the authority in expending from this Fund and signed the authorization to pay the bill. The Board asked that the Trustees have their meeting dates ahead of time so that the Board could have them on their meeting schedules.

3. Lake level – Carrier advised there has been a couple of calls in the past 24 hours regarding the lake level being too high. He measured the level at the dam this afternoon and it was about 5 inches above the "ideal" summer level. A few weeks ago the Highway Dept removed a six inch board from the dam and there is almost a foot of water going over the boards. Carrier supplied the 10-day forecast for Chesterfield. The Board authorized a board to be removed and to keep monitoring it till it gets to the optimum level.

4. McKeon gave an overview of the Planning Board meeting on Monday evening with regard to the Riverside Hotel and the Camper Warehouse site reviews.

➤ Non public RSA 91-A:3 II (d)

McKeon moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.

Brockmann moved to adjourn from nonpublic session and seal the minutes. McKeon seconded the motion, which carried.

Information

- DES application – Camp Spofford
- LGC Municipal Volunteer award
- Code Enforcement memos
- 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 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date

Clifford Emery

Date