

**Town of Chesterfield  
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES  
March 18, 2009**

**Call to Order**

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

Emery was sworn in as Selectman by McKeon.

**Appointments**

➤ 6:30 James Pratt & Lester Fairbanks

Pratt was present with several teenagers and a few parents requesting that the Board approve the use of an area of pavement to skateboard. He stated it had come to their attention that Town ordinances state it is illegal to skateboard anywhere in Chesterfield. They have their own equipment that would be removed each time they use the area.

Fairbanks stated he was in support of the request but our Town statutes from 1989 deny skateboarding. This came into place when cars had been damaged. He suggested shutting down a portion of the school parking lot during the summer or use the rear PD parking area. He stated he would be willing to help oversee the group. He would like a safe place provided to skateboard.

Carrier advised there is a statute releasing the Town of liability.

Mrs. Pratt stated there is a park in Keene but it is unsafe and she would like to see the group stay in Town.

McKeon stated that the Board would review the request and see how it would work out. Pratt stated the group would have scheduled hours and could bring a trash bag to bring home any trash. Mrs. Pratt stated she usually drops them off. She stated she lives just around the corner and the boys have cell phones in the event of an emergency. It was noted that parents could take turns supervising the group.

Fairbanks stated he would be willing to put cones out to block the area used. The school or the back Town Office lots both have limited access spots. He suggested Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings in the summer. Pratt left his contact information.

➤ Bart Bevis (unscheduled)

Bevis advised that the Highway Dept has spent \$20,000 just in materials the last 10 days due to mud season. He stated they have been able to keep ahead of it for the most part. The bulk of the complaints are from those who are not familiar with mud season. Today the grader was sent to Woodbury Rd to smooth out ruts, however, once the top crust was broken, it looked worse and they had to stop. They will be back when it dries up some more.

Bevis advised he has 3 contractors looking at an alarm system for the Highway garage. They are working up costs and will also include upgrading the electrical. PSNH still offers rebates for ballast replacement and it could significantly cut the electric bill.

Bevis stated that in the past when a truck purchase was made he has signed the contracts with the dealer. McKeon stated the Board would like to see what is being purchased but they do not need to sign the contract.

Bevis asked if the Board was in support of purchasing an extended warranty with the truck. He advised it would cost \$3,500 for 4 years and would cover 100% of parts and labor for the engine, complete truck and the transmission. He stated that the 2003 truck warranty has more than paid for itself. The Board agreed to purchase the warranty.

Bevis will see what the Town could get to trade in the truck. The Board agreed to try and sell it outright within a timeframe and if it doesn't sell for a minimum bid the dealer advised Bevis that he would still take it in trade.

**For Signature**

- Manifest #12
- Selectmen minutes – March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans Credit
- DRA form MS-2 Report of Appropriations
- Welcome to Chesterfield letter
- Intent to Excavate (Supplemental) – Cersosimo
- Yield tax abatement – Seamans – It was explained to the Board that Seamans hadn't submitted receipts with the report of wood cut so the average stumpage tax was assessed. After receiving the bill she brought in the receipts. This would abate the original tax assessed and a new yield tax certificate would be signed reflecting that information. The Board signed the abatement.
- Yield tax certificates (2) – Seamans & Orr
- Yield tax warrant
- Wesfield correspondence
- Letter of support – naming of Chesterfield Arch Bridge. – Tim Butterworth was present advising he supports naming the bridge after one of the Town's most famous individuals, Harlan Fiske Stone; former US Attorney General under

Coolidge and in 1941 appointed US Chief Justice by FDR. The Board signed the letter of support.

- Raffle permit – Mt. Pistareen Grange

### **For Discussion**

- Town Hall property usage – Mitchell

Peter Mitchell requested placing a 4x8 ft sign welcoming his son home from 15 months in Iraq at the front of the Town Hall. They would remove it by March 29<sup>th</sup> and the sign would be moved to the end of Winchester Rd. He stated it is not just because it is his son but to welcome home a soldier who has served his country. Emery stated it is the community that is welcoming him back. It was noted that there are 2 other residents who will be returning from serving in Afghanistan, Stockwell and Titus.

The Board approved placement of the sign.

- Selectboard committee assignments

The Board discussed the various committees and who would be their representatives.

- Selectboard Chair – *Brockmann moved to nominate McKeon chair; Emery seconded the motion, which carried.*
- Vice-Chairman – *McKeon moved to nominate Brockmann vice-chair; Emery seconded the motion, which carried.*
- Planning Board – McKeon
- Chesterfield Fire Precinct – Brockmann
- Spofford Fire Precinct – Emery
- Parks & Recreation – Brockmann
- Zoning Board of Adjustment – Emery
- Budget Committee – Brockmann
- Cemetery Commission – McKeon
- Library – Emery
- Conservation Commission – McKeon
- OEM – Emery

- Selectperson Institute

Emery submitted his registration form. McKeon and Brockmann will check their schedules.

- Chesterfield Public School Foundation use of Town property

The Board approved the use of the Town's property for the Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with the proof of insurance.

➤ Wares Grove septic

John Zannotti has requested that the Board address a few issues with regard to the septic. The P&R Comm. plan to put toilets in the recreation building in the future and want to make sure that the system is sized for this with easy access to tap into the new system. McKeon advised that the Clean Solution tank would be able to be accessed easily from the Rec building when toilets are installed. The size would not change because the size is based on the # of people using the facility and is planned for 500/day.

Metivier asked if the prices come in lower and there are sufficient funds, she would like to see the leachfield installed. Brockmann had advised her that only what is in the contract would be done and if there is money left over it would go back to the Town.

Zannotti asked if the Commission members could be reduced as they are having a difficult time getting volunteers. It was noted that the RSA requires 5 – 7 members and at Town Meeting it was voted to have a 5 member board. Three attending members would constitute a quorum.

The Commission plans to offer more cooked food options at the concession and wanted to make sure the septic system would handle the increases. McKeon stated that the effluent from more cooked food options would need a separate tank at a possible cost of \$50,000. There would be other requirements depending upon what is done.

The Board agreed that if we can improve the system if it came in under the proposed cost they would entertain it. Brockmann will bring the information back to the Commission.

➤ Old Business

Transfer Station compaction info – The Board would like an update on the pulls.

Spofford Place – The Board reviewed the letter and pictures from Liptak showing the deterioration of the brick building which is adding to the water in the holding tank. Emery stated it is a shame that the building could be lost to deterioration because of the contamination mitigation cost liability. It won't be sold with that liability.

Trustees of the Trust Funds – McKeon advised that Philbrick is not interested. Karen Larue has expressed interest. There are 2 positions to fill; 1 year and 2 year terms. Emery suggested Deb Hogancamp. He will contact her. It was noted that there is a policy to follow for investments.

Silverdale Rd numbering – Emery asked about the issue. McKeon advised that in the spring the Board will go and look at the area. The difficulty in having the numbering on Silverdale is that it would affect all the numbers on the road.

➤ Other business

1. Emery asked about the former Town Office building process. Carrier had given him a copy of the TOFO report. He will review it and come in with questions. It was noted that the Board will start discussing this issue in April.
2. Brockmann advised that he had spoken with Lenny Sciuto. Sciuto had missed the abatement application deadline due to Susan's illness. He will be able to file abatement for 2009 taxes in December.
3. Brockmann advised that he called Farkus regarding her concern with the road. She has been assured that the issues with the mud are being addressed.
4. McKeon advised that at the Planning Board meeting he reminded the Board they sit on the planning side of the table. They discussed plans coming through and how to accept them. In the future applications will not be accepted if the Board is not comfortable with what is submitted. If expertise is needed the applicant will be required to get assistance from an engineer at the applicant's expense.

McKeon gave an update on the Riverside Hotel. There are allegedly 15 items that are in non-compliance. Greenwood was not given permission to go onto the property by Saba. The Town Attorney will be contacted with regard to the Town's legal options for this issue.

5. Rental policy – Brockman suggested adding "no taped items to the walls". Carrier requested that the Board review the policy for any other recommended amendments.

➤ Non public RSA 91-A:3 II (e)

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

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

**Information**

- Letter of Appreciation – police department
- Certificate of Achievement – police department
- DES Spofford Place correspondence
- Cool Monadnock discussion notes
- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross  
Secretary

Approved by:

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Jon McKeon, Chairperson

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Robert Brockmann

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