

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
May 20, 2009**

Call to Order

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

Appointments

- 6:30 Chet Greenwood Non public RSA 91-A:3 II (b)

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

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

Emery asked how the cleanup of the junk yard on Route 9 was coming. Greenwood stated that he needs to go down and check to see if the cleanup is progressing. He had advised the property owner that he could screen the site. Greenwood stated that as long as the property owner shows good faith and is working toward the goal to clean up the site, Greenwood would work with him.

For Signature

- Manifest #21
- Selectmen minutes – May 13th & May 18th continuation
- Personnel Policy
- Citizen Corps non-supplanting certification
- Tax Collector notices not to deed (2)
- Raffle permit – Spofford Fire Department
- Thank you letters – Wares Grove project bidders

For Discussion

- Abatement – Kingsbury

The Board had asked Carrier to check with the assessor to make sure that the structure on the lot was a mobile home. Hatfield had advised that it is a mobile home that has been added onto.

Emery moves to accept the abatement recommendation. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried. The abatement is granted.

➤ Fuel oil bids continuation

Emery had questions regarding the stability of the company. McKeon stated that Jackson has made substantial investment with the company and has Reds in Jaffrey as a backer. It was noted that there is \$540 difference in the 2 lowest bids, Jackson and Fleming.

Brockmann moves to accept Jackson's bid to supply fuel oil for the Town. Emery seconded the motion, which carried.

McKeon asked that Carrier check the O & M manual for the burner to see the recommended maintenance schedule.

➤ Tax deeding properties

It was noted that the only person the Board could not contact was Vaivoda. Emery stated he had made 8 calls to them with no success. He contacted Fairpoint who had made 3 attempts and was advised there was a problem with the area code. Certified letters have been sent to the property owner.

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

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

➤ Camp Spofford PILOT agreement

The agreement was reviewed. Emery advised that over 300 hours have been used for the arson investigation. McKeon asked what is the objective; to increase contribution or is this agreement not in the best interest of the Town. The agreement should reflect what is there and it needs to be defensible.

Emery stated he sees it as a resort area and not just a religious camp. Brockmann asked what % of the time a Church camp and what % of time a resort. He is against this type of agreement with no escalation clause or COLA. McKeon stated that in regard to the man hours for the arson investigation it would be the same if a person's house were burned.

McKeon stated that the agreement is based on a charitable organization exemption and asked if the Board agreed that the camp is a charitable organization.

Brockmann asked if Crocker had reviewed the agreement. Carrier stated that he had but the Board had come up with the amount of payment in lieu of taxes. Brockmann noted that the trailers are individually owned and should be taxed. The Board reviewed what occurred at the camp: weekly campers, family camp with 36 bedrooms and campsites, trailer campsites and weekend camps off season.

McKeon asked how do we determine the # for a new agreement or should we pursue another avenue. He has reviewed the RSA regarding Charitable Exemptions and will bring this to the next meeting for the Board to review. He asked if the Board agreed with the pilot agreement in principle but have legitimate reasons to increase the amount looking at assessed value or business value. The discussion is tabled until next week.

➤ Chesterfield Gap Analysis

The Board reviewed the analysis for Math, Reading and Writing. This shows those schools that are/aren't in the top 25% of schools in the State. Emery stated that there was poor coverage in the newspapers for the Town and the analysis shows that it is not as bad as it had been reported. The school was only points away from making the top 25%.

Emery advised that the School Board had voted to accept a Technology Program at the cost of \$100 - \$235 per student. This program uses cable tv that is not available in Town. There are aspects of the program that will be of no use to Chesterfield School.

➤ Town Office frost heaves

The Board reviewed Bob Stevens' letter regarding the frost heaves and possible remedies. Stevens had noted that he was willing to meet with the Board to discuss those remedies. McKeon stated that the ¼ inch rise at the entryway will increase over time.

➤ Town Hall fire alarm

The Board reviewed Amer Electric's proposal to replace the Town Hall fire alarm control panel with a 10 zone fire shield panel with dialer at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.

Emery moves to accept Amer Electric's proposal. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ Bevis memo – unanticipated revenue

McKeon stated that crushing the ledge for gravel materials should take less than a week and would be a good deal for the Town. Bevis had said it would be up to 3 years supply of material. Carrier asked if this meant he wouldn't have to purchase any gravel for 2 years. McKeon stated there would be other types of gravel that Bevis would need.

McKeon moved to hold a public hearing to allow up to \$30,000 for the purpose of crushing approximately 6,000 c/y of ledge now stored at the Highway garage. Emery seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ Cheshire County Historical Society request

The CC Historical Society is requesting permission to order microfilms of Vital Records for the Town of Chesterfield from 1732 – 1915. There is no cost to the Town. Rudolph as Town Clerk and keeper of the records is fine with this and Neil Jenness is fine with this. The Latter-day Saints already have the microfilms. The CC Historical Society would keep the records for research and the records will be kept at the Society at all times. The Board approved the request.

➤ Skateboarding rules

The Board reviewed the Chesterfield Skateboarding Rules compiled by Chief Fairbanks noting the hours and rules of operation. The Board commended Fairbanks for the job he had done on the policy and have approved the policy for Jim's Skateboard Park.

➤ Cemetery Dept lawn care

The Board reviewed the hours accrued by the Cemetery Dept for the care of the Town cemeteries and the Lawn Care of Town buildings for 2008. It was noted that the new TO building wasn't mowed until later in the year. If the Board wants more information, the Board representative will bring it to the Cemetery Commission meeting.

➤ Draft Budget Committee letter

The Board reviewed the letter that has yet to be approved by the Budget Committee.

➤ Kowalski correspondence

The Board thought it appropriate to respond to Kowalski. Carrier will have a draft reply to Kowalski for the Board to review next week.

➤ RERP budget

Carrier had been informed by Van Houten that \$433 remains in the RERP budget and there is a scheduled drill on June 10th that is expected to cost \$1,250. The budget will be overspent. Carrier advised the Town has not yet received the final ½ of last year's RERP budget and all of this year's from the State.

➤ Pine Tree Cable complaint

A complaint was received regarding the cable lines being low since the ice storm in December on Pine Tree Circle. The resident has called the cable company without success. She is concerned that her wood delivery truck will not be able to clear the wires. Carrier advised that Bevis thought they were phone lines and he would double check. (Note: After the meeting Bevis advised the office that the lines were the cable

company's. He has talked with them and thought the issue should be resolved Thursday, May 21st.)

➤ Old Business

Transfer Station compaction info – The Board agreed to take this off the list but would like updated information every 6 months.

Master Plan – Bevis had sent more information for Mountain and River roads. McKeon is contacting the Army Corp of Engineers.

Board appointments – Brockmann advised that Bokum had attended the P&R meeting. Robarge will be contacted to see if she was unable to commit to the commission and if not to resign. Bokum will be asked to become a full member if Robarge resigns and Larkin will be asked to be an alternate.

Sallyport floor – Carrier advised he has sent Fairbanks a reminder e-mail that was received.

➤ Other business

1. Brockmann advised that the P&R Comm was present at the Spofford Lake Assoc looking for funds for the recreation enhancement project.

2. McKeon advised that he had spoken with Molly Kelly regarding the Welcome Center. He advised her that the State has a responsibility to the Town not to negatively affect the value of the abutting commercial properties. She requests that copies of the letter sent to DOT be sent to the head of the Liquor Commission and DREAD and notify her when this has been done and she will advocate for the Town.

3. The Spofford Lake Assoc asked if the Board would be willing to sign a letter with them to sponsor a ban on ice fishing on the lake. It was noted that bait used is often diseased and dumped into the lake causing harm to our pristine lake. The Board agreed to sign the letter.

Information

- Employee certificates - Highway
- NH Dept of Safety grant acceptance correspondence
- NH DRA assessment report
- 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 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross

Secretary

Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date

Clifford Emery

Date