

**Town of Chesterfield  
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES  
November 12, 2009**

**Call to Order**

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

**Appointments**

➤ Barbara Girs (unscheduled)

Girs asked that the Boy Scouts be requested to build a shelter to cover the upholstered furniture at the Transfer Station so that it can be protected and possibly recycled. She suggested that the person could pay to drop it off and if it were taken the check could be returned.

It was noted that Dunbar could increase recycling by showing savings in dumping fees by recycling.

Girs stated that Brattleboro has sandwich signs they use to note special events in town such at Town Meeting and she suggested that Chesterfield do the same thing. She thought this may increase attendance to these meetings. Girs offered to do the lettering on the signs.

Girs expressed concern for the Japanese knot weed that is taking over the sides of the road. She noted that Antioch College was studying how to remedy it. She would like to have the Town organize a day to go out to kill the weed. McKeon stated that he used Round Up at his house and it took care of it.

➤ Bart Bevis (unscheduled)

Bevis advised he has received the DES permit for the Old Chesterfield Rd. He stated there were 32 site work conditions on the permit. The paving will be done next spring as it is too late this year. He will be having a meeting BUR Construction to review the site work conditions on the permit.

Bevis expressed his concern with the acceptance of Larkin Way. McKeon advised that Larkin had come to both the Selectmen and the Planning Board (PB). At the Planning Board he is requesting a reduction of the road construction bond. McKeon advised him that the PB is requiring the documents on the construction of the road and written estimates on the cost to do the top coat of paving. The PB will require an independent engineer to review the documents and verify that the road has been built to Town specifications prior to the bond being reduced. Larkin will be responsible to pay the cost of this engineer.

### **For Signature**

- Manifest #46
- Selectmen minutes – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>
- Employee health insurance correspondence
- Highway winter overtime memo
- Goulet correspondence
- Intent to cut - Faulkner
- Intent to cut (supplemental) – Nameless Rock Forest
- Yield tax certificate
- Yield tax warrant
- Payroll change notice – town office
- Raffle Permit

### **For Discussion**

- Historical Marker for Pierce Mill (Spofford Place)

The Board had viewed the proposed marker placement and has approved its location.

- Pay rate comparisons

McKeon stated that the Board looks at this 2 times a year. Brockmann noted that the Town Administrator rate is low by comparison. Emery suggested they look at this again at Carrier's contract review next year. McKeon stated that the rates should be somewhat reflective of the economic times we are in. It was noted that the Town's benefits are better in some cases than other towns. He also noted that our Police Dept. gives the officers the opportunity to have a more flexible routine allowing them to attend their children's sporting events as well as having opportunities to get home during the day while on duty.

Brockmann asked if it were necessary for Dunbar to get to the Transfer Station at 6:30 am when it doesn't open until 7:30. He suggested that it may be beneficial to arrive closer to opening time and keep the Transfer Station open later in the day.

The Board decided to keep the rates as is and will review them again next year.

- PD request for public hearing RSA 31:95-b

The Board reviewed the memo from Detective Eldridge requesting that the Board approve officers to travel to New York City to a public hearing to collect funds that were in Baldasaro's possession when he was arrested in the amount of \$8,319.

The Board discussed what would be covered for the expenses to the Town out of these funds. Emery stated it is his understanding that the Town can invoice the cost. McKeon stated that any cost to the Town i.e. overtime during the week or coverage issues would need to be brought into this.

*Emery moves to approve the Police Department to travel to New York to receive the \$8,319 for the Baldasaro incident with the understanding that all costs to the Town; labor and cruiser using the Special Detail rates with any coverage or overtime incurred by the officers to be covered by the funds to be received. Then the public hearing will be scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> to reimburse Paul Saba and the insurance company. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.*

➤ PD policy information

The Board was given PD Policy information regarding call out hours, Court appearance, Holidays and Meal reimbursement as these are different from the Town employee policy. The Board would like the entire policy for review.

➤ Planning Board vacancy

The Board reviewed the list of possible Planning Board members compiled by Carrier. McKeon will make calls.

➤ Old Business

Camp Spofford agreement – Tim Butterworth will be present next week to discuss the camp tour.

Lawn moving/trimming – McKeon expects prices back shortly to be reviewed for budgeting next year.

➤ Outstanding Zoning Issues

Stoddard – Emery gave an overview of the application before the ZBA. McKeon asked about the pond that is by the stockpiles. Ross will contact Larkin. Stoddard's application was continued to the December ZBA meeting.

Coburn – Emery advised that the Coburn's application to expand the deck was denied.

Bokums – Ross advised that the Bokums request a meeting with the Selectboard to discuss the washouts on Poocham Rd. McKeon stated that this should be dealt with through Bevis. McKeon stated it would be a waste of both the Bokum's and the Board's time. The Bokums need to get an engineer to design a fix for the problem.

Salz – The Board reviewed Greenwood's memo regarding the progress at the Salz property. The Board is not content with the slow progress. McKeon stated he has to follow up with other items with Greenwood and he would bring this to Greenwood. The Board agreed.

➤ Other business

1. The street lights will be on the agenda next week.
2. Brockmann had covered the H1N1 first responders' clinic for Emery. Emery advised he received a nice note from Van Houten.
3. Emery asked if there were any further thought to alternatives to the bonus process. He stated there are some people who excel in their jobs and is there a way we can

recognize them. The Board agreed there was and noted instances of the Police Department with the move to temporary space plus others.

4. Emery asked if Dumont's hours could be increased during the training process. McKeon noted they can but need to stay within the budget.

5. McKeon advised he has contacted Greenwood regarding Camp Spofford building permit and that a permit should not be issued until the independent engineer's bill is reimbursed to the Town for the Life Safety reviews.

6. McKeon stated he has a phone meeting with Molly Kelly at 9:00 am Friday and asked if there was anything the Board wanted him to include in the meeting. McKeon had the issues of concern noted i.e. cost to the Town for policing the area, payment of the lights in the driveway.

7. Brockmann advised that Hazel Hunter is concerned with the issues on Mountain Rd. He noted that there is police presence there because of the attempted break-ins.

8. Emery asked is the adoption of RSA 41:14a would be on the Town Meeting warrant. Ross advised that Carrier has this in the planning for Town Meeting.

9. Ross advised that the stimulus money for the Wares Grove septic should be received soon. The Town will repay ½ the cost of the project to the State.

➤ Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

*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. Emery seconded the motion, which carried.*

### **Information**

➤ 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 9:15 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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