

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
October 21, 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 James O'Neil & Bart Bevis

Merrifield Rd

O'Neil showed David Mann's survey of his property on Merrifield Rd. He requests that the Board approve moving the cement blocks closing the road further down Merrifield to the T. Brockmann had reviewed the meeting minutes when this was first brought to the Board. His understanding was that there were several problems with moving the blocks such as the road would not be wide enough.

Bevis stated the problem he sees would be the runoff from the Hauerts barn roof down their driveway. The runoff is causing erosion on the hill. Bevis stated that as far as the width of the road it is wider than North Hinsdale Rd where a judge ruled that N Hinsdale was wide enough for 2 cars to pass.

McKeon asks what the recuperation for the Town is. This would add more road maintenance. O'Neil stated that when he was on the Planning Board it was understood that the property owner would offset the cost to the Town to bring it up to specs. Bevis stated the owner would pay for noticing to abutters and upgrading the road. O'Neil stated if the owner were willing to pay to bring the road up to Town specs would the Board consider opening the road to the T area.

McKeon asked what has changed since the blocks were set where they are. Bevis stated the issue is the runoff down the hill. McKeon stated when the turnaround was discussed with the Hauerts they were to put in a French drain. It was noted that this hasn't been done yet.

The Board will go out and look at the section of road in the daytime before they would make a decision. O'Neil stated he would be cooperative in modifying the turnaround.

Old Bartlett Rd

Bevis advised that he has spoken with Blaze, a broker regarding logging a property on Old Bartlett Rd, a class 6 road. Blaze wants permission to improve the road to get the logging operation done. McKeon stated he would not be willing to go ahead without some sort of bond. Carrier also suggested getting something in writing.

Bevis will contact Blaze and have him schedule an appointment with the Selectboard with a written proposal.

➤ 8:00 Judy Idelkope

Idelkope was present requesting the Board consider the School Board's proposal to merge the Bonney Trust Fund and the United National Food Trust Fund. She advised combining the funds would allow investment at a higher interest rate. She advised these are Town funds not School Board funds but they would be willing to do the work in preparing the warrant articles for Town Meeting and contacting the Attorney General's office.

Brockmann asked how they would construct the fund to keep Bonney's name in it. Idelkope stated that could be worked out. She stated the purpose in combining the funds was so that general bequests could be added to it. Both funds are for educational enrichment. They would honor the intent of the fund donors. Idelkope wanted to make sure this was acceptable to the Board before proceeding.

Carrier stated that the formal request must be signed by the majority of the School Board. McKeon stated he has no issue at this time but would like more information. Idelkope asked if the Board had any upfront objections. She understands that if information comes forward the Board can change their minds.

In reviewing the list of Trust Funds the Board questioned why the Town was administering a Trust Fund for a church. It was noted that it was created in 1931.

➤ 8:30 Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

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

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

For Signature

- Manifest #43
- Selectmen minutes – Oct 14th – amended minutes were signed
- Property Tax warrant
- Yield Tax certificate
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- Fairbanks correspondence
- Welcome to Chesterfield correspondence
- DRA Equalization Bureau survey
- Appointment paper – P&R - Bissell

For Discussion

➤ Budgets – OEM & Personnel Administration

- OEM/RERP – The Board changed the Administration/Training line to \$1,500 looking at the history of that line the high in the last 3 years was \$1,503. This decreases the Town portion by 24.4%. RERP budget is level funded and is reimbursed by the State.
- Personnel Administration – The Board will continue to look at the Health Insurance line and options available. Presently the budget is up 7.7%. The bonus line was zeroed for 2010.

➤ Streetlight conversion

Carrier advised that the streetlights that had been slated to be removed are now gone. They were removed last week. He has yet to hear any complaints. Carrier has reviewed the remaining streetlights and has a tentative list of about 10 that he may propose be removed. He suggests waiting a few weeks before making this proposal to see if there are any repercussions from the ones that had been removed. The conversion cost is approximately \$350 per light; this could save the Town approximately \$3,000 in conversion costs.

The Board discussed the lights that would be in the parking lot of the proposed Welcome Center as well as a light on the entrance from Route 9 and who would be paying for those. McKeon stated he cannot imagine that the State would pay for it.

➤ Comcast cable

Carrier advised he had contacted Comcast in early September to see if they were interested in expanding in Chesterfield. He had been informed by Comcast that Chesterfield does not have the population density to make expansion at this time economically feasible.

➤ Transfer Station certification requirements

The Board reviewed the NH Code of Administrative Rules pertaining to Solid Waste operator certification. It was noted that Chesterfield has a Level III facility. The Board discussed operators vs. attendants.

➤ Camp Spofford visit

The visit to Camp Spofford will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00 pm. Carrier will take the minutes and will contact all parties.

➤ Old Business

Board appointments – Del Sesto has agreed to serve another term. Carrier advised there was no response to the ad in the newspaper for interested parties for the Planning Board.

➤ Outstanding Zoning issues

The ZBA applications have been received for the Stoddard's and the Coburn's for the November meeting. Greenwood is working with the Town Attorney regarding Samson and Bokum. The Board reviewed the letter from Crocker to Bokum.

➤ Other business

1. McKeon expressed the Planning Board's concern that a foundation permit had been issued to Camp Spofford. He hasn't had the opportunity to speak with Greenwood but was advised that another Planning Board member had informed him that no permit was to be issued until the fire alarm plan was submitted and approved by DeBlois and DeBlois' bill has been paid to date. It was noted that there has been no bill submitted as yet.
2. McKeon advised that the Planning Board is reviewing and proposing amendments to the Land Development Regulations.
3. McKeon advised that the Truck Camper Warehouse has requested a roof pitch change, which the Planning Board approved. They also requested a drainage plan change but new stamped drainage plans were required before the Planning Board would consider amending the approval.
4. The Parks & Recreation Commission has received a check for \$15,000 from Timken for the Wares Grove Improvements. The Commission is exploring having Champs from Big Deal take over the concessions at Wares Grove.
5. Fairbanks had given information regarding Smart Carts for the Board to review.

Information

- Course Completion certificate – PD
- RERP award letter
- Equalization survey 2009
- 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