

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
October 28, 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.

Appointments

➤ 6:30 Tom Duston

Duston presented pictures of the Colony Pond area showing otters and a great blue heron nest. He then showed pictures of the area that is being used as a dumping ground. Duston advised that in 2002 the town voted to convert Old Prouty Rd to a Class A Trail as well as a portion of Old Swanzey Rd on the Swanzey border.

Duston advised there are also some fire pits where tires had been burned. Duston requests the Board approve posting the trail prohibiting motorized vehicles with signs at both ends of Old Prouty Rd. The Conservation Comm. would pay for the signs. Duston advised there is a cleanup scheduled of the area on November 15th.

Colony Estates, Tom Hanna and Forecastle Timber own the lots in this area. Duston has discussed posting with the property owners. Gating was also discussed by the property owners. The restrictions allowed on Class A Trails were reviewed.

Brockmann suggested that the property owners put up a gate. Duston will contact LGC attorney to see if the trail can be gated. Locking the gate was also discussed.

Carrier suggested that Duston contact Bevis with regard to getting the signs made and information on the gate.

The Board approved posting the road.

➤ 7:00 Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

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

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

➤ Lester Fairbanks

The Board asked about the Smart cart information Fairbanks had provided. Fairbanks advised he had looked into grants and believes the Town could get at least 50% of a Smart cart covered.

McKeon stated he would like Fairbanks to look at a package that would best benefit his department and look into specific grants. The Board asked that Fairbanks have the information to them by December 1st for budgeting purposes.

➤ 8:00 Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

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

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

For Signature

- Manifest #44
- Selectmen minutes – Oct 21st & 27th
- Yield tax certificate – Zinn
- Yield tax warrant
- Snow, Ice & Other Weather Hazards Policy
- Payroll change notice – town office
- Appointment paper – Planning Board

For Discussion

➤ Merrifield Road Highway to Summer Cottage

Emery advised he had spoken with O'Neil and Bevis. Bevis advised that if the runoff from the Hauert's barn is addressed and getting an engineer's plan to O'Neil to see if he would be willing to pay for the road upgrade. McKeon asked why we are entertaining moving the blocks. Is there a benefit to the Town? Emery stated that if the property is developed there would be higher property taxes paid. He advised that Bevis said it would be easier turning around in the T than where they are now.

McKeon stated it was not like that last year. It was represented that people would be parked down there, get stuck, trash would be dumped and the Highway trucks could get stuck coming back up the hill.

Emery asked what if the property owner maintained the road. McKeon asked who would be responsible to police it. Carrier stated that O'Neil could still petition the Town at Town Meeting to change the designation and let the voters decide. He suggests that the Board get information from Bevis what it would cost to bring the

road up to appropriate levels and then have a warrant article if O'Neil's warrant article passes. This would give the Town more information and tie the request to a cost.

➤ Camp Spofford visit

Emery stated he is convinced the camp is a religious camp. He also stated that the trailers have decks and should be taxed. He would like Hatfield to look into this further. The trailers have water and septic. Emery will provide additional information for Hatfield to consider.

McKeon stated they must define charitable organization. He would like a fee structure for camp activities for local use. Is the charitable end met from our understanding? If we believe it is, is it the whole property or a portion of the property.

Emery stated we could deny the charitable exemption, send a bill and it is up to them to prove they are charitable in court.

McKeon stated that using round numbers, if the taxes are \$80,000 and there is a \$10,000 pilot there should be \$70,000 of charitable benefit to the Town.

Emery stated he would like to get Tower, Butterworth and the Board together to discuss the charitable exemption status and what may have changed since the original PILOT was signed in 2002. The Board asked that Carrier get the terms of incorporation. Carrier suggests getting the Camp's mission statement and bylaws. McKeon stated there is also a use and intensity statement from the Camp for the Planning Board site plan review.

The Board will review the documents before scheduling a meeting with the attorney.

➤ December meeting schedule

The Board reviewed the December calendar. McKeon will be out of the area from December 10th to the 27th. The Board decided to meet each Wednesday except the 23rd.

➤ Holiday lunch

The employee lunch is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd to be held in the Selectmen's meeting room.

➤ Employee notification insurance rates

The Board reviewed the insurance rates for 2010 with the 10% cost to the employees and the 90% the Town covers. Carrier will draft a letter to get this information to the employees for the Board to review.

➤ Pay rate comparisons

The Board reviewed the 2009 pay rate comparisons with the 5 local towns of like size to Chesterfield. Carrier also included the benefit package for comparison. The Board would like to visit this next week.

➤ Old Business

Master Plan – McKeon will try and help Bevis move on this in the next month.

Board appointments – McKeon asked that Selectboard be on the lookout for possible board members. There are no alternates on the Planning Board at this time.

Lawn mowing/trimming – McKeon advised he has 2 emails out waiting for budgetary numbers.

Tax Collector files in basement – Carrier advised that Greenwood has purchased the material and is cutting the wood at home for assembly in the storage room.

➤ Other business

1. McKeon asked if Greenwood has met with Salz. Carrier advised that Greenwood is working with him and it is getting cleaned up slowly.

2. Emery asked about the tree cutting on the shore on North Shore Rd. Greenwood had looked into it and the agent advised him he is within DES regulations. Carrier asked about intent to cut. He will speak with Greenwood.

3. Emery asked about the generator grant submittal. Carrier advised he needs more information and is waiting for the NIMSCAST from Van Houten.

4. Brockmann gave an overview of the Budget Committee meeting.

5. Carrier advised he received a call from Portland Glass. They were directed by Harrington to come in, fix the door and make it right.

➤ Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

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

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

Information

➤ Letter of Appreciation to PD from Ocean Bank

➤ 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 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary
Approved by:

Jon McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Robert Brockmann

Date

Clifford Emery

Date