

Town of Chesterfield Board of Selectmen

MINUTES May 19, 2010

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 Secretary Carol Ross.

Appointments

- 6:30 Neil Jenness - nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

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

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

- 7:00 Public Hearing – Argent Franchise agreement

McKeon opened the public hearing. Andrew Bauer was present representing Argent. The franchise agreement was reviewed noting there will be a 3% franchise fee for TV and all Town departments will get a 50% discount for internet costs. The agreement is for 5 years.

The Board reviewed the map with the areas that need upgrades and the possible builds in the future. Mike Lovell, a cable user, complained of weak signals and lost channels. Bauer advised they are trying to rectify these issues by renegotiating contracts and improving equipment. Gail Meyer from Winchester Rd had the same complaints.

Emery advised the public that the 5 year franchise agreement is made so that Argent could come in to upgrade the service. McKeon advised that in December, Argent and the Town had a temporary agreement so Argent could legally take over from Pine Tree. He stated that the Board has not heard anything negative about Argent and that we have had more communication with them in the past few months than we did with Pine Tree over 10 years.

Bauer advised they wanted to know when there was a problem so that it could be dealt with. Emery noted that the agreement includes Argent logging complaints and reporting those to the Town. He also noted that the emphasis is on internet. Bauer advised they would like to bundle the internet with video but would like to expand the internet.

McKeon asked about end of line modems. Bauer stated that could be an option but it wouldn't happen this year as they are working on improving the system.

McKeon closed the public hearing.

For Signature

- Manifest #20
- Selectmen minutes – May 12th
- Argent Franchise Agreement (after public hearing)
- Wesfield letter of response to invoice
- P&R Disbursement request (2)
- Raffle Permit for Spofford Fire & Rescue
- Highway Safety Grant
- Trustee of Trust Funds Appointment paper – The Board reviewed the request and signed the forms; however, they were looking for the Rancourt job quote. It was noted that payment for the Hamshaw bill did not include the reduction for early payment. The Board agreed that in the future the request should be for the reduced amount and not carry a credit on the account. This will ensure that items covered under the Trust Funds would be paid under the Trust Funds.
- Payroll change notice – Cemetery

For Discussion

- Fuel oil bids

The Town had solicited for 2 bids; Bid #1 would include the school for 24,000 gallons of fuel oil and 1,500 gallons Kerosene. Bid #2 would be only the Town for 8,000 gallons of fuel oil and 1,500 gallons Kerosene. Four companies submitted bids.

Barrows and Fisher Oil

Bid #1 Fuel oil \$2.519/gallon, Kerosene \$2.919/gallon

Bid #2 Fuel oil \$2.569/gallon, Kerosene \$2.949/gallon

Fleming Oil

Bid #1 Fuel oil \$2.759/gallon, Kerosene \$2.859/gallon

Bid #2 Fuel oil \$2.759/gallon, Kerosene \$2.859/gallon

Jackson Energy

Bid #1 Fuel oil \$2.399/gallon, Kerosene \$2.789/gallon

Bid #2 Fuel oil \$2.439/gallon, Kerosene \$2.789/gallon

Rymes Heating Oils

Bid #1 Fuel oil \$2.61/gallon, Kerosene \$2.95/gallon

Bid #2 Fuel oil \$2.61/gallon, Kerosene \$2.95/gallon

Emery moves to continue with Jackson Energy as low bidder. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ Lions Club request to use 3 tables

The reviewed the request of Deb Hogancamp to use 3 of the lightweight tables the Lions Club had donated to the Town for their 25th anniversary celebration this weekend. There were no reservations for the Town Hall this weekend.

Emery moved to approve the request. Brockmann seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ DOT request for Town Hall use

The Board reviewed the request to use the Town Hall for an informational meeting regarding the proposed Welcome/Rest area and Liquor Store. They are requesting a week night at the end of June. The required attendees will be DOT Commissioner Campbell, Assistant Commissioner Jeff Brillhart, ROW Administrator Bill Oldenburg and District 4 Engineer Doug Graham, the Liquor Commission, Senator Molly Kelly and Public Works Roger Dionne.

Also to be invited are Executive Councilor Shea, Chesterfield Town Officials, Local Representatives and property owners Peter Gerry and Peter Brady.

The Board approved the request and gave the available dates: June 22nd – 25th and June 28th and 29th. Ross will contact Dawn Pulica from DOT.

➤ Town Office front entry

The Board reviewed Bob Stevens' email advising that Cory Frehsee, project manager would be working on this problem with him. A meeting will be scheduled with Stevens on June 2nd if he is available.

➤ River Rd repair

McKeon gave an overview of what the Town is experiencing in regard to getting assistance for the River Rd repairs. He stated the Town is ready to do a band aid fix to keep the bank from further deteriorating; however, they have been in contact with DES and there are many divisions within DES giving a little information on what the Town could do but then sends us to another division within DES.

McKeon stated that it has been over 2 years since Bevis noticed the erosion and was concerned with the road going into the river. McKeon stated that Bevis has contacted several agencies with his concerns and McKeon has contacted Molly Kelly and Jean Shaheen.

The Army Corps of Engineers say it is their responsibility to repair the problem but they are only given 1 – 3 projects a year in our area and we could be as far as 8 years out to have them repair the bank. McKeon advised that the Army Corps has jurisdiction over the waterway and has changed the bank up gradient and we believe

that is the cause of the problem. In that section of the river the flow reverses itself churning away at the bank.

McKeon stated that Mountain Rd has a similar situation but not as urgent. The Town needs to at least do a band aid stop measure or we will lose the road. He noted that our temporary fix would not be as detrimental to the river as the situation is now.

The Board will send another letter to DES to try and get some action. They will keep Bevis advised.

➤ Replacement of Air Handler coil

Terry Winn had advised that the coil is not in stock and could take up to six weeks to get one in. He had noted that in the mean time the air conditioner could be used. McKeon asked that we get the part # for the coil.

➤ Proposal to join School for health insurance

The Board reviewed Judy Idelkope's note regarding the Town employees pooling with the SAU for health and dental insurance. McKeon stated we could take a look at it and it could be a better policy for less. They would like to invite Idelkope in to discuss rates and options.

➤ Tax deeded properties

Ross updated the status of the properties to be deeded. Two have been paid. The Board advised of their contacts with the property owners. The deadline to avoid deeding is May 27th.

➤ Selectmen's project list

It was noted that the Board is waiting for legal regarding Spofford Hall and Camp Spofford. Ross to contact Tower asking him to advise if Camp Spofford's attorney has contacted him yet and ask what is the dead line for the decision of the exemption.

➤ Old Business

Liability document for volunteer painters – McKeon will follow up with Todd. He and Brockmann had met with Girs at the building and had made a task list and a list of necessary tools.

➤ Other business

1. Emery had asked for the land values along the lake on either side of the property on North Shore Rd. The Board reviewed the information. Powers Appraisal will be doing an appraisal of the property.

2. The Board reviewed the DES tracking report. Those that are overdue would be noted in a letter to DES asking their status. McKeon will draft the letter and compile the list.
3. Emery advised that the Cheshire County Extension Service had sent a man to inspect the trees. He had advised D'Eon that the VO Tech would prune those that need it. They were to send a quote to D'Eon with a report and she will inform the Board.
4. The Library Trustees meeting was cancelled.
5. Emery advised that at the Police Dept meeting the officers expressed appreciation for the pay bracket adjustment. They will be having a reimbursable detail for the Harpoon Brewery race. They asked that the Board update the Reimbursable Detail rates. It was noted that the pay rate is 1 ½ x's the highest paid officer; however, the administration fees etc need updating. The Board will have this on the agenda next week.
6. Emery advised that Van Houten is being interviewed by the Sentinel regarding the VY evacuation plan. Fairbanks will give the EOC presentation.
7. It was noted that the P&R Commission was advertising for a secretary paying \$15/hour. McKeon stated the Board had discussed the hiring but had given no direction for the pay rate. Brockmann will contact Zannotti advising him of the starting pay for a part time secretary.
8. The Board reviewed Larkin's letter regarding Larkin Way. McKeon will organize information and would have the Whitcomb estimate available.
9. Brockmann advised that Van Houten has only gotten one quote for the tennis court repairs although she had solicited more. Dave Nelson had informed her that the company that did bid was reliable and reasonable. The Board agreed she had done due diligence in complying with the Purchase Policy and to hire the company.
10. Brockmann advised that the Parks & Rec are planning a fund raiser for August 14th with a rain date of the 15th. There will be a barbecue, games and bike-a-thon. He advised that the play structure is installed and the fencing is in process.
11. Soccer Program – the Board asked for the minutes from the P&R presentation to them for the soccer program.

Information

- Spofford Place Phase I Draft report – Emery stated he was disappointed and thought they would have a report and not just compile information we already had. We still do not know how much and what needs to be done until Phase II. He asked how we get to Phase II. The Board asked that Ross contact JB Mack and ask that they be advised in advance of the presentation of the report what are the options for the next phase and how do we get there.
- Camp Spofford Form 990
- 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 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon P McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Robert E Brockmann

Date

Clifford D Emery

Date