

TOWN OF CHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 15, 2018
Minutes

PRESENT: Arne Jonynas; Dan Cote; Lee Gustafson; David Pisha

VISITORS: Shawn Cunningham; Nancy Rugg; Nancy Davis; Cathy Hasbrouck;
William Lindsay; Naomi Johnson; Carla Westine; Julie Hance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jonynas.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

David Pisha asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Lee Gustafson nominated Arne Jonynas. The nomination passed.

Arne Jonynas asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board. Dan Cote nominated Heather Chase as Vice Chair. The nomination passed.

Arne Jonynas asked for nominations for Clerk to the Board. Lee Gustafson nominated Ben Whalen as Clerk. The nomination passed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dan Cote to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

William Lindsay questioned if the revenues were received from the solar field for 2017. One revenue was rent and one was tax revenue. He stated that the budget line for solar rent shows nothing collected. David Pisha stated that he will check with Cil about the rent. The tax revenue would be lumped into the tax revenue of the town. William Lindsay also questioned if the rent is negotiable after 5 years.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Economic Development: David Pisha stated that there is a small group that gets together to talk about economic development strategies. He also stated that there is an implementation committee that is working on the master plan projects.

Signage: David Pisha reported that the Wayfinding Plan will be starting soon. The sign design is wrapping up. He indicated that the gateway signage will likely be the first created this year. David Pisha stated that the final decision may be made by the Selectboard. Lee Gustafson stated that it would be good to have something on The Green.

Dirt Road Maintenance: David Pisha stated that the compaction roller article passed. Graham will be ordering this equipment soon. The sidewalk plow will not be used until the end of 2018.

Water project: David Pisha stated that the electronic controls are being installed at the well house. This is one of the last components of the project.

EMS Building: David Pisha stated that the Feasibility Study will be on the next agenda.

Yosemite: David Pisha stated that the Judge has signed off. However, there is a 30 day appeal period.

Arne Jonynas questioned the gravel project process. David Pisha stated that Graham, Naomi and David will be walking the property to delineate the location of the 5 acres that would be used for gravel. This information would then be sent to Jim Goss and Fish and Wildlife so that the property paperwork can be drafted. The planting of the reclaimed land will begin April/May of this year. David Pisha stated that a volunteer group could be assembled to plant the trees.

Canopy Management Plan: David Pisha stated that the Canopy Plan is complete which is an effort to begin beautifying the canopy in town. Scott Wunderle created the plan for the town. David Pisha stated that the project will begin with town property. Julie Hance stated that the Plan is being presented at the next meeting.

5. SALE ON THE GREEN REQUEST:

Nancy Davis and Nancy Rugg were present to discuss the Sale on the Green. They were present to request permission to use the Green for September 15 and 16, 2018 for Fall Festival. They requested no parking from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the common. They requested use of the Green and the area across the street from the Green. No parking along Route 11 on either side of the road. Designate 2 parking spaces on School Street for dropoff. Groups playing music should not be competing with the Fall Festival. Letter to the Current from the town requesting that the Fall Festival be part of their grant for 2018. Police Department to help enforce no parking.

Nancy Davis stated that they are looking for people to help coordinate the music for the event. In addition, they are looking for people to help with the promotional efforts for the event. The rotary email is chestervrotary@gmail.com.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the use of the Green as requested for the Fall Festival. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS:

Arne Jonynas read the list of appointments to be made, as follows:

Position	Term Limit	Request for Appointment
Animal Control Officer	1 Year	Police Chief
Cemetery Sexton	1 Year	Jeffrey Sheldon
Clerk to Selectmen	1 Year	Ben whalen
Connecticut River Authority	1 Year	
Senior Solutions	1 Year	Linda Stowell
Emergency Manager	1 Year	Town Manager
Fence Viewers	1 Year	Frank Balch Jack Cable Tony Weinberger
First Constable	1 Year	Jeff Holden
Green Up Day Chairman	1 Year	Frank Kelley
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood	1 Year	Tony Weinberger
Pound Keeper	1 Year	Police Chief
Regional Planning Representative	1 Year	Tom Bock
RPC Alternate	1 Year	Derek Suursoo
Road Commissioner	1 Year	Town Manager
Secretary to Selectmen	1 Year	Julie Hance
Board of Wastewater Disposal	1 Year	Selectboard
Solid Waste District Rep	1 Year	Derek Suursoo
Town Service Officer	1 Year	Town Manager
Transportation Advisory Council	1 Year	Arne Jonynas
Tree Warden	1 Year	Joseph Epler
Water Commissioners	1 Year	Board of Selectment
Weigher of Coal	1 Year	Tony Weinberger

A motion was made by Dan Cote to make the appointments as read. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

Lee Gustafson questioned some of these positions and if they are still needed.

7. AT&T CONTRACT:

David Pisha stated that this is an amendment to the existing lease. He reported that this amendment increases to \$11,000 per year with an escalation of 3% per year.

David Pisha will verify that AT&T, Verizon and US Cellular are willingly moving their equipment. The board also requested details regarding the US Cellular rental.

William Lindsay questioned page 49 of the town report. He noted that \$26,700 was budgeted as revenue but we were short \$7,800 at the end of the year. He also suggested that the report show which carrier is paying what amount.

8. SIGN ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN:

A motion was made by Dan Cote to sign the Annual Financial Plan. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to sign the Certificate of Compliance. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed.

9. LIQUOR LICENSE:

1st Class Liquor License:

The Board signed the First Class Liquor Licenses for the Heritage Deli.

2nd Class Liquor License:

The Board signed the Second Class Liquor Licenses for Jiffy Mart and Lisai's.

10. SIGN RESOLUTION FOR CHARGING STATION GRANT:

Julie Hance explained that she would like to apply for a grant to install a couple of electric charging stations at Cobliegh. She stated that the old ice rink is going to be converted to a parking lot. This will provide overflow parking for The Green.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to sign the Resolution for the Electric Charging Station. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

The Emergency Services Feasibility Study is on the next agenda.

Lee Gustafson reminded David Pisha that he was going to write up something relative to the hydrant clearing.

Shawn Cunningham stated that there are other towns that get better attendance at Town Meetings. He suggested that some research be done to see what can be done.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Dan Cote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed. The Board entered Executive session at 7:44 p.m.

The Board invited Naomi Johnson into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing for the Planning Commission position. The Executive Session commenced at 7:45 p.m. The Board exited this executive session at 7:57 p.m.

The Board invited Carla Westine into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing for the Development Review Board position. The Executive Session commenced at 7: p.m. The Board exited this executive session at 8:04 p.m.

The Board invited Gary Coger into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing for the Development Review Board position. The Executive Session commenced at 8:04 p.m. The Board exited this executive session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Dan Cote to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Arne Jonynas. The motion passed. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to appoint Naomi Johnson to the Planning Commission, Carla Westine to the Development Review Board and Gary Coger to the Development Review Board. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed.

13. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to adjourn. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Julie Hance
Secretary of the Select Board

Ben Whalen
Clerk of the Selectboard