

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 19, 2017
Minutes

PRESENT: Heather Chase, Lee Gustafson; Ben Whalen; David Pisha

VISITORS: Shawn Cunningham; Frank Bidwell; Derek Suursoo; Tory Denis; Jessica Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Heather Chase.

There were no deletions to the agenda.

1. APPROVE MINUTES:

This agenda item was moved to the next meeting.

2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen's comments.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business discussed.

4. ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT:

David Pisha read the Entertainment Permit. He stated that the Country Girl Diner would like set up on their porch on July 22 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. This permit is for a one-time event. The Police Chief has no objections.

A motion was made by Ben Whalen to sign the Entertainment Permit for the Country Girl Diner. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

5. SOLID WASTE DISTRICT POSSIBLE FUNDS:

Derek Suursoo was present from the Solid Waste District seeking guidance on how he should vote at an upcoming meeting regarding the dissolution of the Capital Fund. Derek Suursoo explained that the Vermont/New Hampshire District dissolved in the 2000's. At that time they deposited the funds into a capital fund, which holds \$379,193.00. Chester's portion is based on the overall tonnage. Chester's portion is \$30,764.00. Derek Suursoo stated that there are towns needing this money distributed to them. He personally is in favor of keeping the funds in escrow. The vote will be the majority of all

towns voting. He stated that he needs to vote for the town on Thursday, July 27, 2017 and would like a motion from the Selectboard.

David Pisha stated that he is fine with a contingency fund of sorts. However, he stated that there are also things that the town could use the money for. Especially since the Master Plan has just finished and there are upcoming one-time expenses that are coming. These funds could be useful for these expenses.

Lee Gustafson questioned what happens with the funds if they are not distributed. Derek Suursoo stated that they would remain invested. There are possible expenses in the future that could arise where the money is needed. If something comes up, there may be a need for the Solid Waste District to collect money back from the towns. Likely the needed funds would be raised through tipping fees and disposal fees.

A motion was made by Ben Whalen to authorize Derek Suursoo to vote to dissolve. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

6. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

This item was postponed until the August meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS/NEXT AGENDA:

The next agenda will include the visioning exercise, the Forrester will attend, and a representative from the Current will be there to speak with the Board.

Ben Whalen stated that National Night Out will be August 1 at the Pinnacle.

8. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Ben Whalen to adjourn. Seconded by Lee Gustafon. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Julie Hance
Secretary of the Select Board

Ben Whalen
Clerk of the Select Board