

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECT BOARD
February 3, 2021
Select Board Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Arne Jonynas; Lee Gustafson; Heather Chase; Leigh Dakin; Jeff Holden;
Julie Hance; Amie O'Brien

VISITORS: SAPATV; Robert Nied; Cheryl Joy Lipton; Melody Reed; Tim Roper; Karen
Ericson; Scott Blair

Meeting was held via Zoom and at the Town Hall.

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 20, 2021 WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING; MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 20, 2021 SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING; AND MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 25, 2021 SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Heather Chase to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Water/Sewer Commissioner's meeting as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Special Select Board meeting as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Special Select Board meeting as written. Seconded by Heather Chase. The motion passed.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS/ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A letter was submitted to the Select Board from Falista Sutherland containing information on the proposed cannabis legislation for Vermont. There were no other citizens comments.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Building: The building is 60% complete at this time. The committee is doing a walk through on February 5, 2021 to see the buildings progress. Julie Hance has a meeting with the contractors at 10 the same day. She will let the Select Board know if they should attend.

Andover Road Speeding: Police officers have been on Andover Road parking in the area running radar

Gravel Project: The application is being resubmitted hoping for a decision soon.

Police Advisory Committee: Julie Hance is now serving on VLCT's committee with others from throughout the state. The meetings will happen quarterly with the first one being this morning. The committee will be reviewing legislation being proposed by the state to be sure things are properly thought through. This committee is different from the one being put together for the town.

Fund Balance/Reserve Fund: Ron Smith has suggestions for the fund that will give the town more flexibility. He will be at the March 10, 2021 meeting for the Audit and will discuss the idea of a Capital Reserve Fund. The voters will have to approve the plan. The \$20,000 included for the fund in this year's budget will be transferred to the fund after the plan is set up.

4. ELECTIONS UPDATE; AMIE O'BRIEN

Amie O'Brien gave an update on the Election and Town meeting for 2021. A postcard has been sent to all registered voters explaining the process. Town Meeting will be held on March 1, 2021 through Zoom and will be information only. The link to the meeting was included on the postcard and is on the website. There will be an add on to Zoom to allow up to 500 people to attend. All articles will be voted the next day at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. by Australian Ballot. Absentee ballots can be requested now and will be mailed after February 10, 2021. Town Reports will be available after February 12, 2021. People can register to vote at any time, including the day of the election.

5. CHESTER COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE LETTER OF SUPPORT

A letter has been drafted for the committee showing the Select Board's support for the Chester Community Greenhouse. The letter requires Arne Jonynas to sign on behalf of the Select Board. The board discussed adding everyone's signature to the letter to make it hold more significance but decided against it. They felt the letter was well written and would support the idea.

A motion was made by Heather Chase to allow Arne Jonynas to sign the letter of support for the Chester Community Greenhouse on behalf of the Select Board. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

6. CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

The Select Board signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage at a previous meeting. The state found a few minor errors and has revised the certificate.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to allow the Select Board to sign the revised Certificate of Highway Milage. Seconded by Jeff Holden. The motion Passed.

7. TAX MAP MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Leigh Dakin to allow the Select Board to sign the Tax Map Maintenance Proposal. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.
Every year.

8. NEW BUSINESS/NEXT AGENDA

Interviews for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board will be February 17, 2021 and March 3, 2021. A presentation on a fundraising campaign to fix the skate park will be at the next meeting. People's Bank will be present at the March 17, 2021 meeting to go over the year end review. A review of the cannabis regulations will be on a future Agenda after the legislature makes more decisions. A commission has been formed at the state level to work on the legislation. The Select Board would like an update on the proposed changes to the Zoning regulations. Also, the board would like to hear from the chairs of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board about the candidates being interviewed and to see how things are going.

1. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to adjourn. Seconded by Heather Chase. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.