

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021

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

VISITORS: SAPATV; Bill Lindsey; Shawn Cunningham; Jed LePrise; Barbara Windham; Scott Kendall

Meeting was held at the Town Hall.

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2021 SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING AND JULY 26, 2021 SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2021, Select Board meeting as written. Seconded by Jeff Holden. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2021, Special Select Board meeting as written. Seconded by Jeff Holden. The motion passed.

Leigh Dakin pointed out Patrick Corcoran's name was listed twice as a visitor in the June 21, 2021, Minutes.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS/ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No citizens comment.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Speed Study: Andover's Select Board discussed putting up a 40-mph sign on Andover Road. Julie Hance will forward the data collected from the study to the Andover Select Board members. They may be able to use the data and not have to conduct their own study.

Police Complaint Form: The form is now on the town's website with submissions going to Julie Hance's email.

ARPA Fund: The county money will be allocated to municipalities with around \$600,000 coming to Chester in phases. A community hearing will take place to get feedback on where to spend the money. Where the money can be spent is still being reviewed. The town has until the end of 2024 to spend it.

47 Public Safety Building: The electrical inspection is August 13, 2021, which will grant
48 access to the building. The move in date has been pushed to August 30, 2021.

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50 4. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING/TOWN GARAGE FINANCIAL UPDATE

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52 The cost overrun for the Public Safety building is around \$120,000 due to increased costs
53 for materials from COVID. ARPA grant money will be used to pay for the expenses
54 directly related to COVID. The Highway Garage project cost overrun is approximately
55 \$180,000. Things have been cut from the project that can be added in later. Some items
56 were not included in the Warrant for the projects bringing the total amount needed to
57 just under \$400,000. Options will have to be discussed as to where the money will come
58 from to cover these costs. The Select Board decided cutting too many things from the
59 Highway Garage project was not a good idea.

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61 Jeff Holden stated Basin Brothers is ripping up some of the pavement at the Public Safety
62 building to fix an error they made last fall.

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64 5. SIGN LOAN DOCUMENTS; DUMP TRUCK

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66 The Select Board signed the loan documents for the dump truck.

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68 Motion was made by Jeff Holden to approve the Capital Equipment Note for the dump
69 truck in the amount of \$130,000 for a term of 5 years with an interest rate of 2.25%.
70 Seconded by Leigh Gustafson. Motion passed.

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72 Motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the Resolution for the Capital Equipment
73 Note in amount of \$130,000. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Motion passed.

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75 Motion was made by Lee Gustafson to approve the Tax Certificate for the Capital
76 Equipment Note in amount of \$130,000. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Motion passed

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78 6. ERRORS & OMISSIONS; LISTERS

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80 A motion was made by Leigh Dakin to accept the 4 Errors and Omissions from the Listers.
81 Seconded by Jeff Holden. The motion passed.

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83 Lee Gustafson pointed out the 5th page was identical to the 4th page, which may be
84 submitted at the next meeting.

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86 7. NEW BUSINESS/NEXT AGENDA

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- 89 • Cell tower lease and mitigation plan.
 - 90 • A valve replacement is being done August 7, 2021 on Main Street.
 - 91 • The Wastewater Department will be flushing the sewer main September 9th and
92 10th. This will be in the paper and on the website. People should be aware this
may cause water to splash out of toilets.

- 93 • Board of Civil Authority and Board of Tax Abatement meeting August 11, 2021 at
94 6 p.m.
95 • Scott Kendall would like all members of the Andover Select Board included in the
96 discussion of the Fire Department Emergency Services contract between the two
97 towns. Julie Hance will get all email addresses from Jeanette Haight.
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99 8. ADJOURN

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101 A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to adjourn. Seconded by Jeff Holden. The meeting
102 adjourned at 6:36 p.m.