

TOWN OF CHESTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 1, 2018  
Minutes

PRESENT: Arne Jonynas; Heather Chase; Dan Cote; Lee Gustafson; Ben Whalen;  
David Pisha

VISITORS: Shawn Cunningham; Julie Hance; Frank Bidwell; Ron Chute; Lillian  
Willis; David Willis; Larry Semones; Mark Curran

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ben Whalen to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018  
Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen's comments.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

David Pisha indicated that there has not been any real change since the last meeting on  
the Old Business items.

David Pisha stated that the Northern Forest Center will be here for a community meeting  
on September 20 to discuss what a Community Forest is. This will be advertised for the  
public. Time and location will be announced.

4. YOSEMITE FUTURE USE DISCUSSION:

Lillian Willis stated that she has submitted a Vision Statement to the Selectboard.

Lee Gustafson questioned if the committee has figured out a schedule, time line, costs,  
etc for turning the building into a museum. He stated that he wants to make sure that the  
Board is kept well informed. Lillian Willis stated that there are many steps that need to  
take place. There will definitely be outside people brought in to help with the process.  
She stated that the committee will definitely keep the Board up to date. Lillian Willis  
also commented that she would like to know if the Board wants the Historic Preservation  
Committee to take the lead.

The Board expressed their support of the project. It was discussed that the building needs to be made structurally sound first. Heather Chase noted that his work will not all be done in one year and cannot be completed by tax payer money only.

A motion was made by Ben Whalen to approve the use of the Yosemite Fire House as a museum. Seconded by Heather Chase. The motion passed.

Arne Jonynas stated that Hugh Henry submitted a proposal to perform the work necessary to complete the National Register nomination.

A motion was made by Dan Cote to authorize Hugh Henry to perform the work necessary to complete the application for the National Register for a cost of \$3,000. Seconded by Heather Chase. The motion passed.

Lee Gustafson questioned if the National Register would restrict the use of the property. Lillian Willis indicated that Devan Coleman informed her that the use of the building would not be limited. A suggestion was made that Devan Coleman come to a meeting to answer questions. Lee Gustafson stated that his concern relates also to how far the restrictions do go, i.e. can the building be moved if the river moves.

Heather Chase questioned where the \$3,000 would come from. David Pisha stated that this could come from the Historic Preservation line in the budget.

5. STORMWATER SYSTEM FOR MOUNTAINVIEW/KEVADUS:

Julie Hance stated that the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund has added the stormdrain system to the State's priority list. The next step is to complete the Step 1 Application which will provide funding for Preliminary Engineering. Julie Hance also explained that the money for the engineering will roll into the construction project.

Julie Hance stated that there are other grant opportunities coming out that may be able to help pay for this project. She will be watching for those and will report back when she knows more. But for now, she would like to proceed with the Step 1 Application so that the town does not lose this potential funding option.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to authorize Julie Hance to apply for the Step 1 Application for Preliminary Engineering for a stormwater system in Mountain View and Kevadus Circle. Seconded by Heather Chase. The motion passed.

6. PARK POLICY DISCUSSION:

Heather Chase had requested that the Board discuss the need of a policy for the municipal parks. She stated that the town is taking the initiative to install micro parks and she is thinking that park hours should be established as well as guidelines for use. Heather Chase mentioned that this was brought up when Rainbow Rock was taken over by the town.

Lee Gustafson questioned if there have been complaints about the noise. Discussion ensued regarding the need for garbage receptacles at Rainbow Rock as well as School Street parklet.

Arne Jonynas stated that he is leaning towards not having an ordinance until an issue arises. Ben Whalen and Lee Gustafson agreed. Heather Chase stated that she is okay with that but wants trash receptacles at these micro parks. She agreed that if an issue arises, the Board can address it then.

David Pisha stated that he will speak with the Parks Department about making sure that there is a trash receptacle placed at Rainbow Rock.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Cote asked if Chief Cloud could come to a future meeting to update the Board on the speed signs.

Dan Cote stated that he would also like to speak with Jeff Holden about the water resources in Chester with regard to capacity and future plans.

Lee Gustafson questioned the Salvage Yard Ordinance and if anything has taken place. Julie Hance indicated that the ordinance is not effective for 60 days from the date of adoption.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: DRB INTERVIEWS

A motion was made by Dan Cote to enter executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the DRB alternate positions. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

The Board entered executive session at 7:20 p.m. Mark Curran was invited in. The Board invited Larry Semones into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Ben Whale to exit Executive Session at 7:28 pm. Seconded by Heather Chase. The motion passed.

9. APPOINT DRB ALTERNATES:

A motion was made by Heather Chase to appoint Mark Curran as an alternate to the Development Review Board for a term ending March 2021. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to appoint Larry Semones as an alternate to the Development Review Board for a term ending March 2021. Seconded by Dan Cote. The motion passed.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION; ANNUAL REVIEW OF TOWN MANAGER:

A motion was made by Heather Chase to enter Executive Session for the purpose of performing the annual review of the Town Manager. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Ben Whalen to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

11. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Lee Gustafson to adjourn. Seconded by Ben Whalen. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Julie Hance  
Secretary of the Select Board

Ben Whalen  
Clerk of the Selectboard