

TOWN OF CHESTER
SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 27, 2017
Minutes

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

VISITORS: Cathy Hasbrouck; Lyza Gardner; Shawn Cunningham; Frank Bidwell;
David Liebttag; Derek Suursoo; Scott Wunderle; Bob Flint; Lew Watters;
Bonnie Watters; Stephanie Mahoney; Kelly Arrison; Nena Nanfeldt;
Bryan Fox; Carla Westine; Rick Paterno; Nancy Davis; Steven Davis;
Thomas Bock; Mariette Bock; Barre Pinske; Julie Hance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jonynas. He then asked every one to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Nancy Davis was present to thank the Selectboard for their letter to the Current who offered a shuttle service during the Fall Festival. The Board thanked Nancy Davis for her work in the Fall Festival.

2. MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION:

Mark Kane was present from SE Group to do a final presentation on the completed Master Plan. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

A question was asked about the Stone Village and its involvement with the plan. Mark Kane stated that the scope of this project did not encompass the Stone Village. However, there is some applicability from this Plan to the Stone Village. Kelly Arrison talked about how the Stone Village connects to the Depot and different ways that this connection could be improved.

Arne Jonynas stated that he has heard that the Master Plan focuses on the Village Center but how does it benefit the town as a whole? Mark Kane stated that there are many aspects that extend beyond the Village Center such as the wayfinding, recreation and marketing study. The wayfinding plan that is being developed will include a broader area of study.

Arne Jonynas stated that this document has many projects identified with costs associated to them. He reminded everybody that this is a guiding document that is implemented over time. Mark Kane confirmed that this is another tool for the town to use to help in

leveraging funds, both through grants and private investment. Arne emphasized that he would like to see community members come together and get some of this work done.

Heather Chase stated that the Selectboard recently did their own visioning process for the budget. She stated that she was surprised about the overlap between their process and the Master Plan.

Lee Gustafson stated that this document represents the amount of pride that citizens have in this community. He feels that this level of pride will only increase after the creation of the Plan.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION; SANDRI:

A motion was made by Heather Chase to find premature general public knowledge of contract negotiations regarding the potential sale of town property would place the Town of Chester at a substantial disadvantage in any further negotiations. And, to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §313(a) for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations regarding the terms of a potential sale of town real estate. Seconded by Ben Whalen. The motion passed.

The Town Manager was invited into the Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

A motion was made by _____ to exit Executive Session at _____ p.m. Seconded by _____. The motion passed.

4. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by _____ to adjourn. Seconded by _____. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Julie Hance
Secretary of the Select Board

Heather Chase
Clerk of the Select Board