

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday March 28, 2019
6:30PM
Chelsea Town Office

I. Call to regular meeting to order:

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson, Michael Pushard and Benjamin Smith who arrived at 6:27PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Sanderson

Members of the public present included Scott Tilton, Molly Alexander and Carol Belanger

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Public Comment on items not part of the agenda:

Carol Belanger – Expressed concern that access to the Chelsea Facebook Page and email list used to inform and contact residents of upcoming events was limited to the Town Manager.

III. Adjustments to the agenda: NONE

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #45 in the amount of \$7,852.08.
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #46 in the amount of \$15,785.26.
- C. Approval of March 14, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C as presented. The vote was unanimous.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

- 1. Purchase of equipment to clear roads during emergencies and assist with road maintenance**

The Selectboard discussed the purchase of a piece of construction equipment to assist the Fire Department and Town with clearing roadway debris during emergencies. No action was taken.

- 2. Application for Bicentennial Event or Project Endorsement**

Next year is Maine's 200-year bicentennial. The Manager asked if the Selectboard would like to plan a community event for next year and have the event endorsed by the State of Maine Bicentennial Commission. No action was taken.

V. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

- 1. Tax Assessing Matters –
Real Estate Tax Abatement**
 - a. Alfred Barney – Map 9 Lot 110 - \$10,938 in assessed value

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to approve a corrective tax abatement of \$10,938 in value (\$218.21 in taxes) for Alfred Barney on Map 9 Lot 110. The vote was unanimous.

- 2. Schedule a Marijuana Forum**

A Marijuana Education Forum will be scheduled for May 2, 2019 at 6:30PM at the Chelsea School. A guest speaker will be coming to present information.

- 3. Schedule Community Heart and Soul Kickoff Meeting**

A Community Heart and Soul Kickoff Meeting will be scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 6PM at Chelsea School.

4. Sale of Tax Acquired Property

The Selectboard received offers from David Humphrey and Steven Searles to purchase back their tax acquired property.

- a. David Humphrey (Map 1 Lot 147) offered to pay the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Taxes, Cost and Interest a total of \$2,709.16.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to approve the sale of the property for \$2,709.16 at Map 1 Lot 147 back to the owner (David Humphrey). The vote was unanimous.

- b. Steven Searles (Map 10 Lot 017) offered to pay the town \$2000 to release the 2017 and 2018 Tax Liens. The 2017 was the lien that was foreclosed on March 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to accept the payment of \$2000 toward the payment of the 2017 and 2018 taxes at Map 10 Lot 17 back to the owner (Steven Searles). The vote was unanimous.

VI. Legal:

A. Review 2019-20 Contract with Bartlett Assessing Services

The Selectboard reviewed the draft 2019-20 contract with Bartlett Assessing Services.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to enter into a contract for assessing with Bartlett Assessing Services for 2019-2020. The vote was unanimous.

B. 2019-20 Contract with RSU #12 for High School Student Transportation

The Selectboard reviewed the proposed agreement with RSU #12 for contracted High School student bussing services. The Selectboard requested non appropriation language be added to the agreement. No action on the contract was taken.

VII. Written Communication:

- A. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from MMA UC Fund Coordinator.
- B. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Chelsea Historical Society.
- C. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Chelsea Grange.
- D. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Dept of Public Safety dated March 18, 2019.
- E. The Selectboard reviewed the Town Manager's Report.

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. Town Manager - None
- B. Chelsea's RSU #12 Representatives - None
- C. Boards and Committees - None
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors - None

IX. Executive Session:

A. Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F)

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to go into executive session pursuant to **1 MRSA § 405(6)(F)**. The vote was unanimous. In at 7:41PM.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to come out of executive session pursuant to **1 MRSA § 405(6)(F)**. The vote was unanimous. Out at 7:47PM.

No action was taken.

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Sanderson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 11, 2019

Deborah Sanderson

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith