

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday May 9, 2019
6:30PM
Chelsea Town Office

I. Call to regular meeting to order:

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson and Michael Pushard. Benjamin Smith was absent and excused.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Sanderson.

Members of the public present included Scott Tilton, Randal Magee, Albert Bolduc, Barbara Bolduc, Barry Marshall, Greg Charest, Laurie Brewer, Sheri Truman, Andrea Smith, Judy Williams, Jarrod Pinkham, Sharon Burns, Libby Doak, Sophie Welsh and Carol Belanger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Public Comment on items not part of the agenda: None

III. Adjustments to the agenda:

Move Item B. Old Business 1. Historical Society to after action on the Consent Agenda.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #51 in the amount of \$7,374.93
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #52 in the amount of \$72,719.23
- C. Approval of April 25, 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:

B. Old Business

1. Chelsea Historical Society 2019 Events Season

Members of the Historical Society were in attendance to gather the Selectboards input on what public events they would like to see offered this season. The Selectboard complimented the Society on the success of last years two events. Selectboard members favored the idea of continuing to use Butternut Park for events.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Discussion on roadway improvements to McLaughlin Circle

Residents from McLaughlin Circle were in attendance to hear what the Selectboard had observed during their visit to McLaughlin Circle. Members of the Selectboard did see that the road needed some work. It was felt that the drainage and culverts should receive the most attention at this time. No plan was formally adopted. The Selectboard encouraged the Road Commissioner to find funds to make improvements to the worst section of the road.

2. Schedule a Public Hearing to Amend the Traffic Control Ordinance – Restricting Weight on McLaughlin Circle

The Selectboard discussed holding a public hearing to amend the Traffic Control Ordinance. The amendment would include restricting heavy vehicles from travelling the road. If proper posting is possible a public hearing will be held at the May 23, 2019 Selectboard Meeting to discuss the matter and take appropriate action.

3. Creation of a Medical Marijuana Licensing Ordinance

The Selectboard were provided with a draft Medical Marijuana Licensing Ordinance. There was a discussion on the need for an ordinance of this type. However, given that Chelsea will soon have Medical Marijuana Retail Stores an ordinance could assist in regulating location, odor and security concerns. No action was taken.

4. Approval of the June 11 and 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Given the importance of this matter and Selectman Smith's absence this item was tabled.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to table approval of the June 11 and 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to May 15, 2019. Vote was unanimous.

V. Scheduled Items:

B. Old Business:

2. 2019-20 Selectboard Municipal Budget Expense and Revenue Recommendations.

Given the importance of this matter and Selectman Smith's absence this item was tabled.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to table making 2019-20 Selectboard Municipal Budget Expense and Revenue Recommendations to May 15, 2019. Vote was unanimous.

3. Action to obtain a restoration or a reproduction of the 1865 Plan of Chelsea.

The Manager informed the Selectboard that he had received a price of around \$500 to make a display quality copy of the 1865 Plan of Chelsea. The Selectboard did not favor making a copy but instead directed the Town Manager to send the original out to be restored. No formal action was taken.

4. Limiting Vehicle and Pedestrian Access to Ferry and Dr. Mann Rd. during Olde Hallowell Days Fireworks.

There is a concern about the problems that could arise in the area of Dr Mann Road, Ferry Road and Butternut Park due to the Olde Hallowell Days Committee no longer providing and covering the cost of a Deputy Sheriff during the Fireworks display. The Manager was able to contact Sheriff Mason, who has agreed to provide the usual pedestrian and vehicle enforcement services using his agencies overtime budget. No action was required.

5. Amending the proposed Minimum Lot Size (MLS) Ordinance to include a Minimum size for Commercial Lots.

There was further discussion on adding language to the MLS Ordinance that establishes a minimum size for commercial/business lot.

Given the importance of this matter and Selectman Smith's absence this item was tabled.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to table approval of this ordinance to May 15, 2019. The vote was unanimous

VI. Legal:

- A. Sale of Tax Acquired Property back to Steven Searles

The Manager informed the Selectboard that Mr. Searles made the payment that was agreed to in order to purchase back his Tax Acquired Property.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to issue a Municipal Quit Claim Deed transferring the property back to Mr. Searles. The vote was unanimous.

VII. Written Communication:

- A. The Selectboard reviewed the Town Managers Report
- B. The Selectboard reviewed the Town Clerks Report
- C. The Selectboard reviewed the Code Enforcement 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: NONE

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Sanderson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on May 23, 2019

Deborah Sanderson

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith