

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday May 23, 2019**  
**Following Public Hearing**  
**Chelsea Town Office**

**I. Call to regular meeting to order:**

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson, Michael Pushard and Benjamin Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by Sanderson.

Members of the public present included Scott Tilton and Carol Belanger

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

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

**Carol Belanger** – requested a status report on Tax Acquired Properties

**III. Adjustments to the agenda: NONE**

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #53 in the amount of \$7,225.56
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #54 in the amount of \$226,881.65
- C. Approval of May 9, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Minutes
- D. Approval of May 15, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

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

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to approve Consent Agenda Items C as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 -1 (Smith)

**V. Scheduled Items:**

**A. New Business:**

**1. Acceptance of 2018-19 Municipal Audit**

The Town Manager presented the Selectboard with a copy of the Municipal Audit for the Fiscal Year 2017-18. No action was taken.

**B. Old Business:**

**1. Spirit of America Award Recipient**

The Manager presented to the Board for their review a draft of the Spirit of America Resolution and Award materials for their review and final wording changes. In a continuing effort to keep the award a surprise to the recipient no formal action was taken.

**2. Summer Road Improvements Schedule and Bidding Progress**

The Town Manager outlined the plan for road improvements this summer. It was pointed out that the majority of the work would be ditching, drainage and culvert upgrades. Some paving would be planned for Townhouse road and Hankerson Road. It was explained to the Selectboard that bidding would be limited because historically the bids received for work in Augusta were always cheaper and were often honored by the contractors for work in Chelsea.

**3. Chelsea Community Heart and Soul Resolution**

The Manager presented the Selectboard with a draft Heart and Soul Resolution. The resolution was reviewed by the Selectboard and it was decided that it would not be signed until the amount of support from residents could be determined at the next meeting. No action was taken.

**VI. Legal:**

**A. Countersign June 11 RSU #12 Budget Referendum Warrant**

The Selectboard counter signed the RSU 12 Budget Referendum Warrant calling for voting on the RSU budget on June 11. No formal action was taken

**B. Crystal Falls Bottle Club Registration Renewal**

The Selectboard reviewed Crystal Falls Bottle Club's Registration Renewal Application. A public hearing on this matter was not required and there have been no issues with the operation of this business during the previous year.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to sign the application for a renewal ending August 2020. The vote was unanimous.

C. **Adoption of Traffic Control Ordinance Amendment**

Following the public comment period, the Selectboard reviewed the possible restrictions that would limit heavy vehicles from using McLaughlin Circle. Action was tabled to the June 12, 2019 meeting.

**VII. Written Communication:**

- A. The Selectboard reviewed the Town Managers Report
- B. The Selectboard reviewed the notice of 2019 Fall Bond Issue Schedule
- C. The Selectboard reviewed the letter from Maine Natural Gas dated April 5, 2019
- D. The Selectboard reviewed the letter from Charter Communication dated May 20, 2019
- E. The Selectboard reviewed the memo from Hatch Hill regarding increases to disposal fees for residents

**VIII. Verbal Communication:**

- A. **Town Manager** – stated the need to schedule the next Selectboard meeting for a date other than June 13 due to the conflict with the Annual Open Town Meeting. By consensus it was decided to schedule the next Selectboard meeting for June 12 at 6:30PM.
- B. **Chelsea’s RSU #12 Representatives** – No one from the RSU was present.
- C. **Boards and Committees** – There were no communications from Chelsea Boards and Committees.
- D. **Board of Selectmen/Assessors** –

**Smith** – None

**Pushard** – None

**Sanderson** – Informed the Selectboard and public of the results of the RSU #12 District Budget Vote. She requested that the Assessor Agent have the CMP valuation for property in Chelsea ready for the Selectboard to review at the June 12 meeting. She also requested that the assessment of medical cannabis businesses be ready for the Selectboard to review at the June 12 meeting.

**IX. Executive Session: None**

**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 7:45PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 13, 2019

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Deborah Sanderson

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Michael Pushard

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Benjamin Smith