

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday June 27, 2019
6:30PM
Chelsea Town Office

I. Call to regular meeting to order:

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson and Benjamin Smith. Mike Pushard arrived late.

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

Members of the public present included Scott Tilton, Rick Danforth, Rick Cote, Jen Brown, Carol Belanger and Alex Giffen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

III. Adjustments to the agenda:

Move VI. Legal: A. Consider disposition options for 330 Togus Road - (Sherman/Coutts)

Move VIII. Verbal Communication: B. Chelsea's RSU #12 Representatives –

To after the vote on the Consent Agenda

Add VI. Legal: E. Discharge of Tax Liens by Quitclaim Deed and Release of a Mortgage to Dale Payson on the Ferry Road

To after action on VI. Legal D.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #59 in the amount of \$10,020.94
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #60 in the amount of \$25,964.94
- C. Approval of June 12, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

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

VIII. Verbal Communication :

B. Chelsea's RSU #12 Representatives – Rick Cote from the RSU 12 School Board updated the Selectboard regarding issues at the RSU. He highlighted the new legislation that establishes a minimum starting teacher salary at \$40,000. He also explained that there was Pre-K waiting list and that likely some students would not be entering Pre-K this fall.

VI. Legal:

A. Consider disposition options for 330 Togus Road - (Sherman/Coutts)
Alec Giffen, Conservation Committee Chair, presented a financial analysis showing the present and future losses and gains the town would incur by either selling the tax acquired property or keeping the property and managing it. Mr. Pushard presented another scenario that he would like to have an analysis done on before determining the final disposition.

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to retain the property and to begin the eviction process against the individual(s) living there. The vote unanimous

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. MMA Ethel Kelley Memorial Award

The Manager presented the Selectboard with the criteria for nominating a Chelsea individual for the Ethel Kelley Award. No action was taken.

2. Possible Public Nuisance created by the Brown Tail Moth

The Manager reviewed material on the Brown tail Moth with the Selectboard. The moths are present and causing health problems in certain parts of Chelsea. It is possible for the Selectboard to declare the moth a public nuisance and take measures to control them. There are not currently any funds for a control program. Because of the shared border, the Manager was asked to check with Whitefield and find out what they are doing anything to control the population. The issue would be further discussed at a future meeting.

B. Old Business:

1. Administration Budget Cuts to Match Town Meeting Approved Amount

The Manager presented the Selectboard with his recommended cuts to the administration budget in order to match the amount approved at Town Meeting. The Selectboard offered no input at this time.

2. CMP Transmission Line and Sub Station Valuation

There was discussion on how to proceed with preparing a more equitable and accurate assessment of the CMP Transmission Line. No action was taken at this time.

3. 2019 Personal Property Assessments

There was discussion on how to proceed with preparing a more equitable and accurate assessment of Personal Property. No action was taken at this time.

4. Selection of a Public Event to be held in Chelsea this summer

The Selectboard generally favors an event being held this summer. There was discussion of starting small with perhaps a 4-hour event on a Saturday.

5. Approve employee paid time off for day after July 4th

This year the 4th of July is on a Thursday. The staff has requested that Friday the 5th be approved as paid time off.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to approve paid time off for staff on July 5th, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

VI. Legal:

B Extend time for former owner to repurchase Tax Acquired Property at 17 Allen Ave – (Kincaid)

The Manager explained that Mr. Kincaid the former owner of the property at 17 Allen Ave needed more time to purchase the property back. No formal action was taken.

C. Appointments to Vacant Elected Positions

The Selectboard reviewed the various vacancies to elected positions. There needs to be more done to encourage residents to complete nomination papers and be elected to positions. No action was taken.

- D. **Approve Contract with RSU #12 to provide bussing services for High School Students.**

The Selectboard reviewed the HS Bussing Contract with RSU #12. There was a section in the contract which needed to be reviewed and perhaps amended. The Manager will work with the Superintendent to make the appropriate changes. No action taken.

- E. **Quit Claim Deed and Mortgage Release for Dale Payson on the Ferry Road**

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to approve a Municipal Quit Claim Deed for Dale Payson for an undischarged Sept 29, 2011 Tax Lien. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Smith to Release a Mortgage held by Chelsea for a CDBG Loan. The vote was unanimous.

The Mortgage was paid.

VII. Written Communication:

- A. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Charter Communication dated June 13, 2019
- B. The Selectboard reviewed the Town Manager Report
- C. The Selectboard reviewed the Treasurers Report
- D. The Selectboard reviewed Summer Intern's Report

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. **Town Manager** – Explained he has met with Hagar Enterprises regarding paving roads
- C. **Boards and Committees** – None
- D. **Board of Selectmen/Assessors** –

Smith – None

Pushard – None

Sanderson – Stated that residents in the tax club have questioned her on why their names appeared in the Town Report on the delinquent tax list.

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Smith that was seconded by Pushard to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. Sanderson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on July 25, 2019

Deborah Sanderson

Michael Pushard

Benjamin Smith