Selectboard Meeting
Thursday January 9, 2020
Following Board of Assessors Meeting
Chelsea Town Office

I. Call regular meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:47PM by Sanderson.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Carol Belanger expressed concern about the liability the Town assumes by letting someone live at the tax acquired property at 330 Togus Road. The Manager explained that to the best of his knowledge when someone is residing in the house there is less liability then if the property is vacant.

III. Adjustments to the agenda: NONE

IV. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #26 in the amount of $348,508.38
B. Approval of Payroll Warrant #27 in the amount of $13,538.04
C. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #28 in the amount of $15,167.65
D. Approval of Payroll Warrant #29 in the amount of $7,522.73
E. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #30 in the amount of $12,641.47
F. Approval of Payroll Warrant #31 in the amount of $7467.05
G. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant #32 in the amount of $271,000.08
H. Approval of December 5, 2019 Selectboard Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sanderson to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H as presented. The vote was unanimous by those present and voting.
V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business:

1. Dedication of the new crossing on the Nelson Road

The Manager proposed to the Selectboard that the new crossing on the Nelson Road be dedicated to the two recently deceased longtime residents of the road and of Chelsea. The Selectboard expressed support for the idea and requested the Manager continue toward implementation of the dedication ceremony.

2. Approval of Chelsea Christmas Tree Lighting Thank You Letter

The Manager reviewed the letter with the Selectboard. Several names were added and some deleted from inclusion in the letter. The letter was approved with changes. A final version will be prepared for the Selectboard to sign and distribute.

3. Selection of the Spirit of America Recipient

The Manager reminded the Selectboard of the upcoming selection of the Chelsea Spirit of America Volunteer Recipient. The Selectboard will think of possible recipients to present at an upcoming meeting.

B. Old Business:

1. Winter Plowing and Sanding Operations Review

Gordon Libby, Chelsea’s Winter Maintenance Contractor, was in attendance to discuss the season to date. There was an honest and open discussion of issues of concern to both parties.

VI. Legal:

A. Emergency Management Ordinance 2nd Review and schedule Public Hearing

The second reading and further action to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Emergency Management Ordinance was delayed until the January 23, 2020 meeting.

VII. Written Communication:

A. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from MMA Risk Management Services dated December 5, 2019

B. The Selectboard reviewed the December 2019 RSU #12 Superintendents Report

C. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from KVCOG dated December 6, 2019
D. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from MMA Unemployment Compensation Fund dated December 12, 2019
E. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from MMA Worker’s Comp Fund dated December 20, 2019
F. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Charter Communication dated December 23, 2019

VIII. Verbal Communication:

A. Town Manager – Items on the Managers written report were highlighted for the Selectboard and public in attendance.
B. RSU 12 Board of Directors – NONE
C. Boards and Committees – NONE
D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors – NONE

IX. Executive Session:

A. Executive Session was delayed to the February 13, 2020 Selectboard meeting

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Pushard to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous of those present and voting. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by the Selectboard on February 13, 2020

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Deborah Sanderson                  Michael Pushard

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Benjamin Smith

Absent

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