

**Chelsea Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday October 14, 2020
6:30PM
Chelsea Grange Hall**

I. Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by Sanderson

Selectboard present included Deborah Sanderson and Sheri Truman. Michael Pushard was absent but participated in the meeting via Zoom.

Others present included Scott Tilton, Carol Belanger and Molly Alexander

II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda: None

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: None

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable #14 in the amount of \$6,937.59
- B. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 15 in the amount of \$8,956.56
- C. Approval of Payroll Warrant # 16 in the amount of \$8,233.40
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 17 in the amount of \$220,362.37
- E. Approval of September 24, 2020 Selectboard Meeting Minutes.

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

V. Scheduled Items:

- A. **New Business –**
 - 1. **Christmas Tree Lighting and Festivities Review**

The Selectboard discussed what the Town may want to consider sponsoring for Christmas activities this year. Two items receiving initial support were the lighting and display of a Christmas tree and a parade consisting of vehicles decorated with a Christmas theme. Further discussion on this matter will take place at the October 28 Selectboard regular meeting.

2. Planner Economic Development Position Discussion

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the recent interviews he conducted for an Economic Development Officer/Planner position. He presented his choice to the Selectboard along with his reasons for contracting with someone at this time. The Selectboard did not approve the funding for the position at this time. Further discussion and review will be undertaken at the October 28, 2020 Selectboard meeting.

B. Old Business:

1. Winter Roads Plowing and Sanding Review

The Manager requested input from the Selectboard on issues they may have had or heard about concerning last winters plowing and sanding operations. There were not any issues expressed by members. The Manager will be speaking with the contractor to discuss his concerns which were also those of the Selectboard.

2. 2021 Assessment of Personal Property Discussion

The Manager presented to the Selectboard the need to determine earlier than usual the assessment of Personal Property. Historically the assessment of Personal Property has been delayed until very late in the assessment season. The Manager wanted to have someone skilled in Personal Property assessment working as soon as possible. The Selectboard requested a meeting with Chelsea's current assessing company to determine how they could assist with this assessment efforts. A meeting will be scheduled ASAP.

3. Review of Senior and Public Winter Sand Policies

The Manager presented the Selectboard with drafts of this winters Sand for Seniors Policy and the Public Sand Policy for Chelsea residents.

A motion was made by Truman that was seconded by Sanderson to approve the Sand for Senior Policy as presented. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

A motion was made by Truman that was seconded by Sanderson to approve the Public Sand Policy as presented. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

4. Set date, time and place for Selectboard Goalsetting Workshop

The date of Sunday October 25 at 6PM at the Chelsea Grange was selected for a goal setting meeting.

5. RSU #12 Land to Chelsea Update

The Manager explained to the Selectboard that the RSU #12 School Board had rejected the latest plan to give property to the town. The Manager presented the Selectboard with revised drawing showing one possible option. The plan was reviewed, and a revision was developed that could be presented to the School Board for their consideration.

VI. Legal:

A. Approval of 2020-21 Municipal Valuation Report (MVR)

The Assessors Agent prepared the 2020-21 MVR for the Selectboard to review and sign.

B. Approve and Sign November 3, 2020 Chelsea Election Warrant

The November 3, 2020 Town Meeting Warrant calling a for a Referendum vote of the six certified ordinances was reviewed.

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve the warrant to call a Town Meeting for referendum voting on November 3, 2020. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

C. Appointment(s)

1. Roland Quirion
 - a. Planning Board

The Selectboard reviewed Mr. Quirion's Volunteer application.

A motion was made by Truman that was seconded by Sanderson to appoint Roald Quirion to a one-year term on the Chelsea Planning Board. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

D. Road Repair on Smith Road

The Manager reviewed with the Selectboard a recent opinion from the Town's Attorney that made it clear that maintenance and repair of private roads by Chelsea using town funds is strictly prohibited despite the desperate condition of the private way.

- E. Tax Abatement(s)
 - 1. Raymond Brann
 - a. Personal Property Acct 252 – Value 20,000 – Taxes - \$389.00

The Selectboard reviewed a Personal Property abatement request from Raymond Brann

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 corrective abatement to Raymond Brann on PP Acct. 252 in the assessed amount of 20,200 and \$392.89 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

VII. Written Reports and Communication:

- A. The Selectboard reviewed CEO Report for September 2020
- B. The Selectboard reviewed the Treasurer Report
- C. The Selectboard reviewed the Maine Revenue Services 2021 Chelsea State Valuation
- D. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Spurwink.
- E. The Selectboard reviewed the Center for Tech and Life Grant Award Letter
- F. The Selectboard reviewed Nelson Road Crossing Dedication.

VIII. Verbal Communication :

- A. Town Manager – The Manager highlighted portions of his written report to the Selectboard
- B. Chelsea’s RSU #12 Representative – NONE
- C. Boards and Committee Reports – NONE
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors Concerns – NONE

IX. Executive Session: NONE

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Truman that was seconded by Sanderson to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

Approved by the Selectboard on October 28, 2020

Deborah Sanderson

Michael Pushard

Sheri Truman