

**Chelsea Selectboard Meeting  
Wednesday October 28, 2020  
6:30PM  
Chelsea Grange Hall**

**I. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

Selectboard present included: Deborah Sanderson and Sheri Truman. Michael Pushard was absent and excused

Others present included Scott Tilton, Sharon Burns, Mary Street and Molly Alexander

**II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda:**

Mary Street, Chelsea Historical Society, presented the Selectboard with a copy of the August 22, 2020 minutes meeting with the Chelsea Cemetery Association.

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

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #18 in the amount of \$8,037.50
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 19 in the amount of \$408,758.66
- C. Approval of October 28, 2020 Selectboard Meeting Minutes.

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

**V. Scheduled Items:**

- A. **New Business –**

**1. Select Board Christmas Family Donation**

The Manager asked the Selectboard to consider making their annual donation to assist deserving families celebrate Christmas.

Selectboard Chair Sanderson requested that the Chairperson stipend of \$250 that she is scheduled to receive in December be donated to the Christmas Celebration Fund and be given to deserving Chelsea families.

## **2. 2020 Town Office Holiday and Meeting Schedule Approval**

The Manager presented the Selectboard with the November and December Holiday schedule.

Due to conflicts with Holidays, the Selectboard modified their meeting schedule as follows: Selectboard meetings Tuesdays November 10 and 24, Wednesdays December 9 and 23. Meetings will be at the usual time.

A motion was made by Truman that was seconded by Sanderson to authorize the Manager to close the Town Office at noon on December 24, 2020.

The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

## **3. Creating an Age Friendly Community**

The Manager reviewed with the Selectboard the advantages of being an Age Friendly Community. No action was taken.

## **4. Tax acquired property for Non-Payment of 2017-18 Taxes**

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the 3 properties that have been tax acquired.

The properties include: Land Only Map 2 Lot 024, Trailer Only Map 16 Lot 172 and Land Only Map 7 Lot 31.

Further efforts will be made to work with the former owners to get the property back under their ownership.

### **B. Old Business:**

#### **1. Christmas Tree Lighting and Festivities Review**

There was further discussion on the activities that would occur at the Christmas celebration in Chelsea.

## **2. Planner Economic Development Position Discussion**

There was continued discussion on contracting or hiring a part time Planner/Economic Development Coordinator.

## **3. 2021 Chelsea State Valuation**

The Manager presented the Selectboard with Chelsea's State Valuation dating back to 2017 to present. Selectboard requested that a representative from Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division be invited to a meeting to explain the State Valuation Process and answer questions.

## **4. 2020-21 Selectboard Goals**

The Selectboard met in a workshop on October 25 to set goal. The goals are not ready to finalize.

## **VI. Legal:**

### **A. Appointment of Election Clerk(s)**

Positions for the upcoming November 3 vote been filled and further appointments are not required.

### **B. Tax Abatements**

1. Tammy Inman – 2020-21 - Acct 187 – HS Exemption \$23,500 - \$457.08

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 corrective tax abatement for Tammy Inman Acct 187(Map 4 Lot 98) in the amount of 23,500 in value and \$457.08 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

2. Soules Auto – 2019-20 – Acct 519 – Assessing Error - \$32,715 - \$636.31

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2019-20 corrective tax abatement for Soules Auto Supply Acct 519 (Map 14 Lot 121) in the amount of 32,715 in value and \$636.31 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

Soules Auto - 2018-19 – Acct 519 – Assessing Error - \$32,715 - \$652.66

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2018-19 corrective tax abatement for Soules Auto Supply Acct 519 (Map 14 Lot 121) in the amount of 32,715 in value and \$652.66 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

## **VI. Legal (Continued)**

#3. M Blanchard – 2020-21- Acct 110 – HS Exemption - \$23,500 - \$457.08

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 corrective tax abatement for Mary Blanchard Acct 110 (Map 6 Lot 166) in the amount of 42,822 in value and \$813.44 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

\*4. R Iqbal – 2020-21 – Acct 922 – Assessing Error - \$164,866 - \$3,206.44

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 corrective tax abatement for Rashid and Fauzia Iqbal Acct 922 (Map 8 Lot 70) in the amount of 164,866 in value and \$3,206.64 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

### **C. Tax Supplements**

1. Betty & Edward Pierce – Acct 1066 – HS Exemption – \$23,500 - \$457.08

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 Supplemental Tax for Betty and Edward Pierce Acct 1066 in the amount of 23.500 in value and \$457.08 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

#2. Hubert O’Brian – Acct 110 – New Owner - \$65,322 - \$1,270.51

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 Supplemental tax for Hubert O’Brian Acct 110 in the amount of 65,322 in value and \$1,270.51 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

\*3. Francis Hanley – Acct 922 – New Owner - \$188,366 - \$3663.72

A motion was made by Sanderson that was seconded by Truman to approve a 2020-21 Supplemental tax for Francis W. Hanley III Acct 922 in the amount of 188,366 in value and \$3,663.72 in taxes. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

## **VII. Written Reports and Communication:**

A. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Charter Communication

## **VIII. Verbal Communication :**

- A. Town Manager – verbally shared his written report with the Selectboard
- B. Chelsea’s RSU #12 Representative – NONE
- C. Boards and Committee Reports – NONE

**D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors Concerns –**

Truman – explained that dog owners could have delays getting a rabies vaccine for their dogs due to COVID 19 Pandemic. She wondered if licensing could be delayed without penalty.

Sanderson - requested an update from the CEO on the cleanup being done at 235 Birmingham Road.

**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 7:30PM

Approved by the Selectboard on November 10, 2020

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Deborah Sanderson

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Michael Pushard

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Sheri Truman