

**Chelsea Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday February 24, 2021
Public Hearing 6:30PM
Regular meeting 6:40PM
Via Zoom**

Public Hearing @ 6:30PM

I. Call meeting to order:

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

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

Others present included Scott Tilton, Molly Alexander, Rick Danforth, Carol Belanger and Cheryl Mitchell.

II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda: NONE

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll Warrant #37 in the amount of \$7,884.23
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant # 38 in the amount of \$22,902.26
- C. Approval of February 10, 2021 Solar Array Ordinance Public Hearing Minutes
- D. Approval of February 10, 2021 Selectboard Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C and D as presented. The roll call vote was 2-0 of those present and voting.

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business –

1. Chelsea Boards and Committee Position Vacancies

The Manager reviewed with the Selectboard the several positions on town boards and committees that needed to be filled during the upcoming nomination process. No action was taken.

2. Purchase of the Val Belanger Property next to 330 Togus Road

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the possible purchase of the Val Belanger Property (M13 L052) adjacent to the recently tax acquired property at 330 Togus Road. The Selectboard expressed no interest in purchasing the property for the current asking price.

3. Use of Town Office Building Reserve Account for installation of Heat Pumps at Chelsea Town Office using EfficiencyME grant.

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the availability of Efficiency ME funds to assist with over half the cost to purchase and install 3 energy efficient min heat pumps at the Town Office. The estimated cost of the heat pumps installed is \$ with Town being responsible for \$. The funds could be drawn from the Town Office Building Reserve Account. Members of the Selectboard requested the Manager get answers to their questions before taking action.

4. Use of Town Office Building Reserve Account for Installation of new generator at the Town Office using FEMA Grant.

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the updated cost of a standby generator at the Town Office. In general, there was support for using Town Office Reserve Account Funds to purchase and install a 14KW standby generator. The Manager was also going to review the use of grant funds from FEMA to purchase and install a generator. No action was taken.

5. Review plan to purchase an Informational Display sign

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the possible purchase of an informational sign for display at the Town Office. The sign being proposed including the purchase and installation is budgeted to cost \$6000. In general, the Selectboard was not interested in an electronic sign. Instead expressing support for sign with manually changeable letters and message. No action was taken

6. Review plan to implement My City Pocket Notification program

The Manager discussed with the Selectboard the purchase of an annual subscription to My City Pocket. This is a software that allows Chelsea residents who have the free application on their Smart Phones to receive instant messages from Chelsea. There was moderate support for subscribing to this service and concern with the lack of current messaging using the Chelsea Facebook Page. No action was taken.

B. Old Business:

1. Bicentennial Parade Discussion

The Manager and the Selectboard discussed supporting a Bicentennial Parade in March. The Selectboard expressed concern that there was not enough time to properly organize a big event. A float could be placed in another parade held in a different location. A parade could also be held at a later date. No action was taken.

2. 2021 Personnel Policy Amendments – Maine Employee Paid Leave

The Manager reported that he was still researching to determine if Chelsea would be exempt from Maine Employee Paid Leave Law.

3. Creation of Forest Management Plans using Project Canopy Grant

The Manager and the Selectboard discussed the possibility of submitting a Canopy Grant application to fund the creation of Forestry Plans for Butter Nut Park, Salt Shed Property and Sherman Couatts Property. The Board decided by consensus that a Project Canopy Grant would be submitted to pay for plans at Butter Nut and Salt Shed Property only.

VI. Legal:

1. Set time, date, and place of 2021 Annual Town Election and Town Meeting

The Manager reported that CES would be available for Chelsea to conduct voting there on June 8 and Open Town Meeting on June 10.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to conduct voting at CES on June 8, 2021 from 8AM to 8PM and the open Town Meeting at CES on June 10, 2021 beginning at 6:30PM. The roll vote was 2 - 0 of those present and voting.

VII. Written Reports and Communication:

- A. The Selectboard reviewed the January 2021 ACO Report
- B. The Selectboard reviewed the February 2021 RSU 12 Superintendents Report
- C. The Selectboard reviewed the Calendar Year 2020 Report from ecomaine

VIII. Verbal Communication :

- A. Town Manager provided his 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:

A. Executive Session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 841 – Tax Abatement

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to go into executive session\ pursuant to **36 M.R.S.A § 841 – Tax Abatement**. In at 7:53PM

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to come out of executive session. Out at 8:21PM.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to table action until the meeting on March 10, 2021.

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to adjourn the meeting. The roll call vote was 2 – 0 of those present and voting. The meeting was adjourned 8:23PM

Approved by the Selectboard on March 10, 2021

Deborah Sanderson

Michael Pushard

Sheri Truman