

**Chelsea Selectboard Meeting  
January 26, 2022 @ 6:30PM  
Chelsea Elementary School  
In Person and Zoom**

**I. Call meeting to order:**

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

Selectboard present in person included: Michael Pushard and Sheri Truman.  
Present via Zoom Jason Mills.

Public present in person was Scott Tilton, Carol Belanger, Scott Grady, Dot Grady  
Travis McGuire, Molly Alexander and Gardiner Fire Chief Rick Sieberg.

Public present via Zoom Rick Danforth.

**II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda: None**

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

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Payroll Warrant #30 in the amount of **\$7,110.75**
- B. Payroll Warrant #31 in the amount of **\$430.06**
- C. Accounts Payable Warrant #32 in the amount of **\$44,328.27**
- D. January 12, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Sheri to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C and D as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**V. Scheduled Items:**

**A. New Business –**

**1. Meeting with Chief Sieberg – Gardiner Fire Department**

**Chief Sieberg** presented the Selectboard and those in attendance with a brief history on the growth of the Gardiner Fire Department. The needs of the department and the needs of the region have changed significantly over the years. The number of calls for rescue services has risen to over 3000 a year. The Chief has been meeting with the eight towns serviced by Gardiner. The growth is resulting in a greater need for more staff. The Chief presented the Selectboard with the plans for more staff and an increase in each town's contribution. The Selectboard pledged their support to Gardiner and the increasing budget. No action was taken.

**2. Presentation on proposed Wind Energy Ordinance**

Travis McGuire, Planning Board Chair, reviewed the proposed Wind Energy Ordinance with the Selectboard. The ordinance would allow landowners to erect windmills, but the structures could only be a certain height and comply with the other standards in the ordinance. Large commercial windmills would not be allowed. The Selectmen would be putting the ordinance in before voters at the June Annual Town Meeting

**3. Plan for Road Foreman/Commissioner Position**

Rick Danforth and Travis McGuire, Road Committee Members, explained the proposal to create a small summer and winter roads maintenance position. The plan as proposed would be slightly more but would give the more control to the town by creating this position. The roads budget would include budgeting for the new road position.

## **B. Old Business –**

### **1. TIF District discussion and approval of adoption timeline**

The Manager reviewed with the Selectboard and the public in attendance the parcels of property that would be included in the district and the value that would be captured. The Selectboard agreed that a Special Town Meeting to vote on the TIF would be February 23 at 6PM in the Chelsea Cafeteria.

### **2. Sale of Chelsea Cell Tower Lease**

The Manager informed the Selectboard that Everest Infrastructure Partners has offered to buy Chelsea's cell tower lease for \$275,000. Town attorneys are reviewing the documents before the Selectboard would be able to sign.

### **3. Implementation of a Chelsea Business Revolving Loan Program - Tabled**

### **4. Town Report Dedication**

It was determined that this years Town Report would be dedicated to Carl Morang. Selectboard member Truman offered to assist in finding individuals to write the dedication.

### **5. Spirit of America Volunteer Selection**

A decision was made on who would receive the Spirit of America Award.

### **6. Review and finalize Town Goals for 2021-22**

At their workshop on January 23, the Selectboard set three goals:

1. Creation of Winter and Summer Road Maintenance position.
2. Improve communication with residents.
3. Increase Chelsea revenue stream to reduce taxes.

## **VI. Legal:**

### **A. Set Date, time and place of June Municipal Election and Town Meeting**

The Manager proposed that the annual elections be scheduled for June 14, 2022 and that the annual business meeting be scheduled for June 16, 2022. A potential conflict with the Middle School Graduation was pointed out. Prior to voting the Manager was instructed to contact the school to confirm building availability. No action was taken.

## **VII. Written Communication:**

- A. The Selectboard reviewed the Treasurer Report
- B. The Selectboard reviewed an Age Friendly Committee Grant request
- C. The Selectboard reviewed a letter from MMA Executive Director and the annual dues notice
- D. The Selectboard reviewed the Deputy Clerk's December Report
- E. The Selectboard reviewed the letter from CMP regarding transmission line herbicide spraying.

## **VIII. Verbal Communication :**

- A. SVRSU #12 School Board - None
- B. Boards and Committees - None
- C. Town Manager - None
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors Comments and Concerns - None

**IX. Executive Session: None**

**X. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM

Approved by the Selectboard on February 9, 2022

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Michael Pushard

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Sheri Truman

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Jason Mills