

Chelsea Selectboard Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2022
Chelsea Elementary School

I. Call meeting to order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:50PM by Pushard.

Selectboard present in person included: Michael Pushard, Sheri Truman and Jason Mills.

Public present in person included: Scott Tilton, Carol Belanger, Dot Grady, Scott Grady, Dustin Freeman, Rick Cote, Jake Soucy, Molly Alexander, Tamra Pierce, Gary Pierce, Melissa Huntington, Michelle Grant, Howie Tuttle and Russell Gates.

II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda:

Carol Belanger – explained to the Selectboard that she and the others on the Chelsea’s email list did not receive the usual copy of the regular meeting agenda.

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: None

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Payroll Warrant #40 in the amount of **\$7,525.22**
- B. Accounts Payable #41 in the amount of **\$36,555.72**
- C. February 9, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Minutes
- D. February 23, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Minutes
- E. March 9, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Truman that was seconded by Mills to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B as presented. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Truman to approve Consent Agenda Item C as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Pushard abstains).

A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Pushard to approve Consent Agenda Item D as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Truman abstains).

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Truman to approve Consent Agenda Item E as presented. The vote was 2 – 0 – 1 (Mills abstains).

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business –

1. SVRSU 12 2022-23 Budget Presentation

Howie Tuttle, RSU #12 Superintendent, presented the RSU 12 budget to the Selectboard and members of the public in attendance.

Selectboard member Pushard announced that due to work he needed to leave.

2. Noise Complaints – Noise Ordinance

The Manager explained to the Selectboard that he was getting noise complaints from residents. No action was taken.

3. MDOT Partnership Initiative

The Selectboard reviewed information from MDOT explaining their Partnership Initiative. No action was taken.

B. Old Business –

1. Enrolling Chelsea in a Net Energy Billing Program

The Selectboard has been presented with a proposal from Ampion Energy to enroll in a Solar Net Energy Billing plan. Enrollment in the plan will save Chelsea up to 15% on its six CMP electricity bills. No action was taken.

2. **Approval of a Resolution supporting diversity**

The Selectboard are reviewing the resolution. No action was taken

3. **Establishing a Chelsea TIF Revolving Loan Fund**

The Selectboard are reviewing a request to establish a Business Revolving Loan. No action was taken.

VI. Legal:

A. **Hiring Mission Broadband to complete an assessment of Chelsea's broadband needs**

Chelsea needs to have an assessment of its current broadband services. Mission Broadband has presented the Selectboard with a proposal to conduct an assessment. No action was taken.

B. **Solar Array Moratorium Ordinance**

Residents have expressed a concern to the Selectboard about the effect Solar Arrays have on their property values. A moratorium on installations or arrays, will give Chelsea time to make changes to the current Solar Array Ordinance. No action was taken.

C. **MDOT Over Limit Permit Approval**

The MDOT is having an Ultra-Thin Wearing Course placed on Route 17 and Route 9 in Chelsea. For the project to move forward MDOT is requesting the Selectboard sign an agreement and permit allowing contractor vehicles to use Chelsea roads while hauling tar. No action was taken.

VII. Written Communication:

- A. The Selectboard reviewed the Town Clerks Report
- B. The Selectboard reviewed the Deputy Clerk Report
- C. The Selectboard reviewed the Code Enforcement Report

- D. The Selectboard reviewed a Workers Compensation Fund Audit Letter
- E. The Selectboard reviewed a Charter Communication Fees and Charges Increase Notice
- F. The Selectboard reviewed the SVRSU # 12 Superintendent Report

VIII. Verbal Communication:

- A. SVRSU #12 School Board – None
- B. Boards and Committees – None
- C. Town Manager –The Manager reviewed his report with the Selectboard
- D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors Comments and Concerns –

Sheri – reminded the Manager that the Hankerson and Togus Rd intersection needed something done to improve driver sight distances. The Manager explained that work was underway to make improvements

Jason – None

Mike – None

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Truman to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

Approved by the Selectboard on April 13, 2022

Michael Pushard

Sheri Truman

Jason Mills