

Chelsea Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022
Chelsea Town Office

I. Call meeting to order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Pushard.

Selectboard present in person included: Michael Pushard and Jason Mills. Sheri Truman was absent and excused

Public present in person included: Scott Tilton, Dot Grady, Patti Fredette, Rick Danforth, Carol Belanger, Randy Magee, Dick Wyman and Nina Charczenko

II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda: NONE

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Payroll Warrant #46 in the amount of **\$7,411.22**
- B. Accounts Payable #47 in the amount of **\$34,120.98**
- C. Payroll Warrant #48 in the amount of **\$1,332.17**
- D. April 13, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Minutes

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

V. Scheduled Items:

A. New Business –

1. Discuss aiding Ukraine

Nina Charczenko expressed to the Selectboard the urgent need that the residents of Ukraine have for all types of humanitarian assistance because of the war with Russia. Nina would like to head an effort to raise money to give to the Salvation Army to provide financial assistance to the Ukrainians. The Selectboard support the aid effort and provided ideas on how funds can be raised. Nina thanked the Selectboard and agreed to put the ideas discussed into motion.

2. Expanding the Archery Hunting Season Boundaries

Dick Wyman and Randy Magee complained to the Selectboard about the number of deer present in the McLaughlin Circle neighborhood and the area adjacent to Randy Magee's Farm. The deer have made a significant impact on Mr. Magee's crops. The Selectboard supported writing a letter to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife requesting that the current Augusta area expanded Archery Deer Zone be amended to include more of Chelsea in the area where the deer population is the highest and the population is the densest.

3. Discuss Invasive plant removal plan for town properties

The Manager proposed that an Invasive Plant Plan be performed. After the plan is developed, Chelsea could apply for a grant from the Maine Forest Service that would pay a contractor to remove invasive plants a Butternut Park. The Selectboard requested that the Manager proceed with getting bids to create a plan.

B. Old Business –

1. 2022-23 Winter Roads Plowing and Sanding

The Manager reviewed with the Selectboard the option to renew the plowing and sanding contract with Gordon Libby Forest Products. Everyone felt that Gordon did a good job over the three years of the contract. The Selectboard decided that the contract would be put out to bid to bid to see if some savings could be achieved. The Manager will prepare bid documents requesting bids with two maintenance options: sand and salt and salt only.

VI. Legal:

A. Approve increasing the amount in the cash drawers

Due to the lack of funds being available in the cash drawers for making change, the Manager requested that the total in each of the three cash drawers be increased by \$100 each. The total on the cash drawers would be \$200 per drawer. A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Pushard to increase the amount in each cash drawer to \$200 per drawer. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting

B. Set date, time and place of Annual Town Meeting

A motion was made by Pushard that was seconded by Mills to schedule the annual Town Meeting for Thursday June 16 at 6:30PM at the CES Gym. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

C. Adopt Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Pushard to proclaim May 2 to May 6 Municipal Clerks week in honor of Chelsea's Town Clerk. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

D. Supplemental Tax Assessment(s)

The Assessing Agent discovered that William and Hillary Sproul have not been assessed for the building that they operate as a business since the structure was built 4 years ago. The property is Map 4 Lot 6. The Assessor Agent is requesting that the Selectboard/Board of Assessors assess a supplemental tax on the building of \$267,000 in value.

- 1. William and Hillary Sproul – Map 4 Lot 6 (Acct 534)
Building Value 2020 - \$267,000 of value – Taxes \$5,196.06**

A motion was made by Michael Pushard that was seconded by Jason Mills to assess a supplemental tax on Map 4 Lot 6 in the amount of \$267,000 in value and \$5,196.06 in tax for the tax year 2019-20. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

- 2. William and Hillary Sproul – Map 4 Lot 6 (Acct 534)
Building Value 2021 - \$267,000 of value – Taxes \$5,196.06**

A motion was made by Michael Pushard that was seconded by Jason Mills to assess a supplemental tax on Map 4 Lot 6 in the amount of \$267,000 in value and \$5,196.06 in tax for the tax year 2020-21. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

- 3. William and Hillary Sproul – Map 4 Lot 6 (Acct 534)
Building Value 2022 - \$267,000 of value – Taxes \$5,196.06**

A motion was made by Michael Pushard that was seconded by Jason Mills to assess a supplemental tax on Map 4 Lot 6 in the amount of \$267,000 in value and \$5,196.06 in tax for the tax year 2020-21. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting.

E. Naming new private way off River Rd – Ludwig Way

The Selectboard have received a request to name a new private road off the River Road after Pushard Power Sports Ludwig Way. A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Pushard to name the private road as Ludwig Way. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting

VII. Written Communication:

A. The Selectboard reviewed the April 2022 RSU #12 Superintendents Report

VIII. Verbal Communication:

A. SVRSU #12 School Board – Rick Danforth informed the Selectboard that the RSU 12 Budget has been finalized. The increase to Chelsea will be about \$61,000.

B. Boards and Committees – NONE

C. Town Manager – The Manager shared portions of his written report with the Selectboard and the public.

D. Board of Selectmen/Assessors Comments and Concerns –

Jason – None

Mike – None

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mills that was seconded by Pushard to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous of those present and voting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Approved by the Selectboard on May 11, 2022

Michael Pushard

Absent
Sheri Truman

Jason Mills