

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, September 26th, 2013
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

- 7:00 PM Call the Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Approval of Minutes
- D. Benson – Proposed Non-Public
- Richard Antoine, Chester Fire Chief & Derry Fire Chief – Proposed Non-Public
- Special Election for New Hampshire House of Representatives
- Roundtable
- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Non-Public Sessions
- Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Landau called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:02pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

- Jack Cannon
- Joe Castricone
- Joseph Hagen
- Stephen Landau
- Richard LeBlanc

Members of the Public present, at various times:

- Richard Antoine, Fire Chief
- George Klauber, Derry Fire Chief
- Leroy Scott
- Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times
- And other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Additions and Deletions

There were two non-public sessions added: one on Compensation and one on Pending Litigation. There will also be some discussions on Edwards Mill Dam, Granite State Telephone, and the Transfer Station.

Agenda item 3.1, a non-public session with D. Benson, was cancelled.

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1.5 *Public Comment*

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As no members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:04pm.

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II. Old Business

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2.1 *Approval of Minutes*

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This subject was not addressed tonight.

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2.2 *Wason Pond Athletic Fields and Driveway Entrance Relocation*

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Selectman LeBlanc moved to accept the Conservation Commission funds of \$10,100 to pay for the road work at Wason Pond; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion.

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70 Chairman Landau objected, stating that Conservation Commission funds should be used for Conservation issues, not roadwork. He stated that there was plenty of time left before the end of the Fiscal Year to find the necessary funds, and that the Town may need the conservation funds for other projects.

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74 The question was called. The vote was four in favor with Chairman Landau opposed; so moved.

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Selectman LeBlanc moved to rescind the motion of September 9th, 2013, that called for the Town to use \$10,100 in highway funds for this road work; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion.

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Selectman LeBlanc reminded the Board that when he had voted to award the Wason Pond work on September 9th, he had only done so after receiving an assurance from Patrick Connelly of the Conservation Commission that the Commission make those funds available. Selectman Cannon objected to the motion, stating that the motion made on of September 9th included the awarding of the work, not just the use of highway funds; it was also noted that the motion of September 9th included the words “if necessary” when referring to the highway funds.

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86 With these facts in hand, Selectman Castricone withdrew his second, and Selectman LeBlanc withdrew his motion.

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III. New Business

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3.1 *D. Benson – Proposed Non-Public*

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This appointment was cancelled by Ms. Benson.

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3.2 *Richard Antoine, Chester Fire Chief & Derry Fire Chief – Proposed Non-Public*

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98 Fire Chief Antoine and Derry Fire Chief George Klauber appeared before the Board to update the Alarm System Relay problem.

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102 Derry’s Gamewell Fire System has been out of order since mid-September. It was determined to be antiquated and not repairable, and instead needed to be replaced with newer technology. The two options for replacement each have a lead time of 4-6 weeks. As a result, it will be at least another two weeks before fire alarms in Chester, which are automatically sent to Derry by low frequency radio signals, will be received by Derry.

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106 The Town’s insurance carrier, LGC, recommended an internal fire watch while the relay system is out of

108 order. This is costing the Town ~\$200/night. LGC will not be reimbursing the Town for this expense;
110 Selectman LeBlanc asked Derry Fire Chief Klauber if the Town could claim against Derry’s insurance.
112 Derry Fire Chief Klauber demurred, stating that the other communities affected (Auburn, Hampstead,
114 and Windham) had not asked to claim against Derry’s insurance. He also pointed out that the Municipal
Complex has an alarm, is on a main road, and is attached to the Police Station; there was no life safety
involved and a fire watch was not strictly necessary, although a regular patrol by the Police would be
useful. Fire Chief Antoine pointed out that the strobes on the Municipal Complex were out of order; Mr.
Pepper has been contacted.

116 Derry Fire Chief Klauber also noted that he had heard rumors about Chester forming a Committee to
118 discuss starting its own Ambulance Service. He would like to be included in any discussions that might
120 impact his Department, although of course he would not expect to be on the Committee itself. He
would like to be helpful, serve as a resource, and will support whatever Chester decides. Chairman
Landau thanked Derry Fire Chief Klauber for his willingness to be of assistance. It was noted that no
Committee had been formed as of yet.

122 The Board asked Derry Chief Klauber if he would prefer to continue this discussion in non-public session;
124 he did not.

126 Selectman LeBlanc asked Derry Fire Chief Klauber if there were problems with the Chester Fire
128 Department cancelling ambulance runs from Derry. Derry Fire Chief Klauber stated that Derry had
revenue anticipation, but that they were able to work through it. The most important thing, he stated,
130 was that the residents were served properly. He made mention of a quality control process (CQI) where
calls were reviewed to determine if decisions made were in the best interest of the patient, and if any
132 failures occurred, what kind they were. Chester is now being included in this program. This process has
nothing to do with billing, only medical protocols, and all HIPAA regulations are observed at all times.

134 The discussion returned to the inoperative Derry Fire System; did the Board want to continue the
overnight fire watch? Selectman Castricone suggested supporting whatever Fire Chief Antoine decided,
136 and Fire Chief Antoine is in favor of continuing the watch.

138 Selectman Castricone moved to continue the overnight fire watch for two more weeks; Vice-Chairman
Hagan seconded the motion. Selectman Cannon asked that the motion be amended to specify that the
140 fire watch can be discontinued when Derry’s system is repaired, if that is less than two weeks.
Selectman Castricone agreed to this addition. Vice-Chairman Hagan withdrew his second and Selectman
142 Castricone withdrew his motion in order to restate it.

144 Selectman Castricone moved to continue the overnight fire watch for two more weeks or until Derry’s
system is repaired, whichever is first; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was four in
146 favor with Chairman Landau abstaining; so moved.

148 Fire Chief Antoine and Derry Fire Chief Klauber departed the meeting at 8:24pm.

150 *3.3 Special Election for New Hampshire House of Representatives*

152 The Town of Auburn currently has an empty seat in the House of Representatives due to a member’s
resignation; therefore, the District is underrepresented. A Special Election has been suggested. Vice-
154 Chairman Hagan estimates the cost to be \$1,500; Town Clerk Barbara Gagnon apparently stated that
the total cost to the Town would be \$1,800-2,000. However, she was also of the opinion that the time
156 period for this Special Election had passed. Chairman Landau will check with Town Counsel.

158 Vice-Chairman Hagan moved to go forward, after consultation with Town Counsel, with a Special
Election; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so

160 moved.

162 **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

164 *4.1 Roundtable*

166 *Selectman Cannon:*

- Apparently the Stop Sign at the center of town is the latest technology – a “prismatic sign” – and cannot be upgraded. He has yet to speak with the person in charge of lights.

170 *Selectman LeBlanc:*

- He has three items to report after speaking to PSNH. Firstly, he has a work order number to have the utility pole across from the church by the pine tree moved. There should be no charge for this work, as the pole is a safety hazard. Secondly, he has a work order number from PSNH to have the flood light fixed. And lastly, he has inquired for a price to have electricity brought to the War Memorial.
- At a recent Planning Board meeting, there was some discussion about the as-built plans for Lincoln Lane. Brian Sullivan has spoken with Eric Mitchell, who stated that the cost for these plans is \$1,500. Mr. Sullivan plans to approach the Lincoln Lane residents to ask them to pay this cost. In the future, the Planning Board will need to have the as-built plans in hand before any bond reductions are granted.

182 *Selectman Castricone:*

- At a recent Budget Committee meeting, there was some discussion about projects not started, or still incomplete. He asked that all Selectmen send an email to Administrative Assistant Martin, noting any of these projects of which they are aware, so that they can be worked on before next year’s Town Meeting.
- He received a notice that Granite State Telephone is changing its voicemail technology. Chairman Landau stated that he had heard from GST’s president, Susan King, apologizing for the Town’s inadvertent receipt of this notice. He suggested that Ms. King, or a representative, be asked to meet with the Town’s employees.

192 *Vice-Chairman Hagan:*

- Nothing to report.

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Chairman Landau:

- DigSafe has marked the underground lines in the area where the bush is to be removed.
- He has spoken with the Town Engineers about the Edwards Mill Dam. The State has changed its mind on the necessary repairs; they now want the cribbing removed, a weir and stone wall added, and drain pipes extended. This plan is likely to cost \$90k, twice as much as the originally expected \$45k. Chairman Landau noted that this project could use the Conservation Commission funds discussed previously. Selectman Cannon asked what was wrong with the original plan; the Town Engineers would like to come in to discuss it with the Selectmen.
- The Town’s Engineer has a certified plan for work at the Transfer Station; Dubois & King’s structural engineer, Tom Boll, is concerned about the availability of funds. The Contractor will be able to provide a price by the end of the week.
- Paul Faxon of Edwards Mill Cabinetry created a very nice frame for the Lions’ Club 50th Anniversary Proclamation.
- Mr. Zappler of the Londonderry Schools has donated a pump to the Town for irrigation at Wason Pond; Aaron Mansur donated his time to get the pump ready for use. Both men were thanked. Selectman Castricone moved to accept the pump donated by Londonderry; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.
- A congratulatory letter is in the works for Police Lieutenant Aaron Berube on the successful

completion of a case.

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4.2 *Public Comment*

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As no members of the Public wished to speak, Public Comment was closed at 8:34pm.

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4.3 *Non-Public Sessions*

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Chairman Landau moved to go into non-public session for three items: one under RSA 91A:3 II (a), Compensation; one under RSA 91A:3 II (c), Reputation; and one under RSA 91A:3 II (e), Pending Litigation. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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226 The meeting room was closed at 8:35pm.

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The meeting room was re-opened at 8:51pm.

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Chairman Landau moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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Chairman Landau moved that the Board seal the first non-public session, on Compensation, for a period of six (6) months; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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Chairman Landau moved that the Board seal the second non-public session, on Pending Litigation, for an indefinite period; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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Chairman Landau moved that the Board leave the third non-public session, on Reputation, unsealed; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman LeBlanc abstaining; so moved.

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V. Adjournment

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The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, October 3rd, 2013 at 7pm in the Meeting Room.

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Chairman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra H. Doda

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Non-Public Session #3 – Reputation**

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268 Chairman Landau moved to go into non-public session for three items: one under RSA 91A:3 II (a),
270 Compensation; one under RSA 91A:3 II (c), Reputation; and one under RSA 91A:3 II (e), Pending
Litigation. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so
moved.

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The meeting room was closed at 8:35pm.

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276 Chairman Landau was approached by Road Agent Oleson around Town Fair weekend, after a Board of
Selectmen’s meeting at which both Road Agent Oleson and Fire Chief Antoine were in attendance.
Chairman Landau was offended by Road Agent Oleson’s comments, and asked that another member of
278 the Board take over as Highway Department Liaison. He is willing to take one of that Selectman’s liaison
positions in exchange.

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282 Vice-Chairman Hagan offered to take the Highway Department Liaison position outright; he does not feel
it necessary to give up a liaison position in exchange.

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Selectman Cannon stated that he saw no reason for these minutes to be sealed.

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the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman LeBlanc abstaining;
so moved.

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