

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, January 24th, 2013
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

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I Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Hagan called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:24pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

- Jack Cannon
- Joseph Hagan
- Richard LeBlanc
- Michael Weider

Selectmen absent:

- Stephen Landau

Members of the Public present, at various times:

- Andrew Hadik
- Chris Hadik
- Chuck Myette
- Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times
- Leroy Scott
- Brad Wamsley
- And other persons unknown to the minute taker

1.3 Agenda

Appointments:
Department Budgets

- Approval of Minutes: 11/29/12, 12/6/12, 12/13/12, 12/27/12 and 1/10/13
- Compensation Roundtable
- Adjournment

46 1.4 *Pledge of Allegiance*

48 Vice-Chairman Hagan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance; (Chairman Landau is out
50 sick tonight.)

52 1.5 *Additions and Deletions* - none. The BOS will table all the old business until next week's
meeting.

54 1.6 *Public Comment* - none.

56 1.7 *Member Comment* - none.

58 **II New Business**

60 2.1 *Appointments:*

62 **Wason Pond Conservation Commission** - Brad Wamsley, Chuck Myette, Chris Hadik,

64 The WPCC presented their budget request for 2013-14. The 2012-13 budget was \$754
66 however there have been no expenditures so far. The conservation easement that was
included in this budget has been moved to the CC budget so that line will be reduced to \$1.
68 Overall the WPCC budget request for 2013-14 has been decreased by \$306.

70 There was a Public Hearing on January 23rd held by Recreation and Wason Pond regarding
the ball fields. The meeting was well attended; one of the concerns is the entrance to the
72 fields and its position on route 102. The WPCC has discussed moving the entrance closer to
the red barn (further south) which makes it closer to the crest of the road with better
74 visibility and hopefully it will be safer. The WPCC has asked Bill Gregsak to give them a
price for the engineering and permitting process to get it to the point of DOT submission;
76 the scope of work is estimated at \$3950. There is not enough money in the WPCC account
to cover the engineering; the CC has agreed to contribute \$1K; however the WPCC would like
78 to ask if they can use the \$754 from their budget towards these costs. The WPCC wants to
get the engineering done first just in case there are any changes to the ball fields with
80 moving the entrance to the road. Selectman Cannon stated that the BOS would ask the
Finance department where the projected surplus money is in the Town operating budget and
82 see if there is \$2K to help fund the engineering. The WPCC would like to get an answer on
the funding by mid-February so that the permits would be ready to go in to the DOT a.s.a.p.

84 **Planning Board** - Brian Sullivan, Evan Sederquest, Andrew Hadik & Liz Richter

86 The PB and BOS will have a non-public session to discuss the budget request on line 1 of the
2013-14 PB budget regarding compensation. The rest of the budget request is straight
88 forward. The PB is requesting an increase to the recording secretary budget line. The PB
secretary is looking ahead to her retirement and she would like to train someone starting
90 with the minute taking at the PB meetings. The trained person would be able to fill in if the

92 PB secretary was sick. The PB secretary's job has increased this year with managing the
94 impact fee accounts and when the economy turns around there are 140 - 160 approved lots
in Chester that could request building permits.

96 *2.2 Non-Public Session:*

98 **7:35pm**

98 Vice Chairman Hagan moved that the Board go into a non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (a), the
100 compensation of employees. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the
affirmative; so moved.

102 **7:48pm**

104 Selectman Weider moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman LeBlanc
106 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

108 Selectman Weider moved that the minutes from the non-public session be sealed for 6 months;
Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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112 The rest of the department budget discussions were tabled until next week's BOS meeting.
Selectman LeBlanc has been researching options on how the PACT funds can be utilized.
114 Selectman LeBlanc stated that he received an e-mail regarding the management report from
the Town audit and that there needs to be a public meeting on the use of the PACT funds as
well as a discussion of the school's CCTV plans.

116 **III Selectmen's Business**

118 *3.1 Review of the Meeting Minutes - tabled until next week.*

120 *3.2 Roundtable*

122 *Selectman Cannon:*

124 Selectman Cannon asked for the BOS discussion on compensation to be tabled until next
week.

126 *Selectman LeBlanc:*

128 Selectman LeBlanc asked Mr. Rittenhouse from the TTT to correct a statement from this
week's newspaper so that it reflects that the BOS is not telling the ZBA how to do their job
130 and that the attorney stated that both the BOS and ZBA would benefit from a class on
ethics.

132 Selectman Weider stated that in his opinion, the way to end this situation is to bring in
134 counsel from both sides (and the ZBA) and have them clarify what they said and discuss the
guidance documents they submitted and clear the whole matter up. Selectman Weider
136 stated that he stepped in as the BOS liaison to the ZBA when Vice-Chairman Hagan was too

138 busy. Selectman Cannon felt it would be best for Selectman Weider not to contact the ZBA
right now. The BOS will discuss this with Chairman Landau at the next BOS meeting.

140 *Vice-Chairman Hagan:*
Nothing at this time.

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144 *Selectman Weider:*
Nothing at this time.

146 3.3 *Public Comment - none.*

148 **The next meeting of the BOS will be Thursday January 31st at 7pm.**

150 3.4 *Non-Public Session*

152 **8:05pm**

154 Selectman Weider moved that the Board go into a non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (e)
156 pending litigation. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the
affirmative; so moved.

158 **8:45pm**

160 Vice-Chairman Hagan moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Weider
162 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

164 Vice-Chairman Hagan moved that the minutes from the non-public session be sealed until after
Town Meeting 2013; Selectman Weider seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the
166 affirmative; so moved.

168 **IV. Adjournment**

Selectman Cannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The
170 vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

172 The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

174 Respectfully Submitted,

176 Sarah E Scanlan