

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Thursday, July 9, 2015  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

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8 **I Preliminaries**

10 *1.1 Call to Order*

12 Vice Chairman Hagan called this meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:03 pm.

14 *1.2 Roll Call*

16 BC members present:

Vice Chairman Joseph Hagan

18 Jack Cannon

Richard Trask

20 Joseph Castricone

22 BC members absent:

Chairman Stephen Landau

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Public members present:

26 Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times

Deb Munson

28 Public attendee unknown to the recording secretary

30 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

32 Vice Chairman Hagan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

34 *1.4 Announcements*

36 Deb Munson, town resident, will be joining the meeting to present information about Solar Up.

38 Rockingham County Commissioners Meeting July 16, 2015 with further information to follow.

40 Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm has been confirmed. This meeting will consist  
42 of an interview and question and answer session. Mr. Cannon will follow up with the Police Chief to make  
sure the BOS receives a resume for review prior to the meeting.

44 *1.5 Public Comment*

46 Deb Munson, town resident, presented information about Solar Up as part of her role in the Southern  
48 NH Planning Commission. Solar Up is a Non Profit Company. The BOS was presented with  
documentation via email from Ms. Munson to review. Discussion followed regarding what Solar Up is and  
50 what they offer. The point of Solar Up is to give residents discounted pricing and to raise the amount of  
solar systems installed. The more kilowatts installed in a combined area the lower the prices. They went  
52 through a bidding process to pick out the supplier of choice for installer for Chester and Derry. They  
have chosen ReVision Energy out of Exeter, NH. There are other towns in NH that are doing this. Deb  
Munson's role is to advertise and get the word out through posters and signs. She is asking the BOS for

54 permission to place these around town. It was noted this is a completely voluntary program. The kick off  
56 event is open to the public and is scheduled for August 30, 2015 in Derry. ReVision Energy offers free  
58 analysis, advice and quotes. The kick off event will be run by ReVision Energy and they will present  
60 detailed information about the program. It was asked if there are any restrictions. Ms. Munson stated  
62 that a building permit and electrical permit would be necessary and that each building inspector and  
electrical inspector would be the person to determine if there are restrictions. ReVision Energy would  
work with the inspectors to determine the restrictions. Solar Up through ReVision Energy installs roof,  
ground mount, and pole mount systems.

64 There is a need for publicity and volunteers. The BOS recommended Deb Munson reaching out to Karl  
66 Knudsen to do an interview for a virtual commercial for this program. The BOS approved that Ms.  
Munson could place signs and posters around town to advertise for Solar Up and the August 30, 2015  
kick off event.

## 68 **II Old Business**

### 70 *2.1 Review of Minutes*

72 Mr. Trask made a motion to accept the BOS meeting minutes from June 25, 2015 as written; Mr. Cannon  
74 seconded. All of the member of the BOS were in favor; so moved.

## 74 **III New Business**

### 76 *3.1 Granite State Telephone*

78 Granite State Telephone has a petition for pole licensing on Old Sandown Road. It was asked of the BOS  
80 to discuss and make a motion to approve it. Vice Chairman Hagan read an excerpt from the petition,

82 *"That Granite State Telephone, Inc is granted a license to install and maintain*  
84 *underground conduits, cables and wires and to erect and maintain poles and*  
86 *structures with wires, cables, conduits and devices thereon, together with*  
88 *sustained strengthening and protecting fixtures in the public way or ways*  
90 *covered by the said Petition. All of said wires except such vertically attached to*  
92 *poles and structures shall be replaced in accordance with the National Safety*  
94 *Code in effect at the time of the Petition and/or Licenses granted. Where*  
96 *applicable, in accordance with RSA 72:23, 1B, this agreement is made between*  
98 *the parties subject to the condition that the owner/operator shall pay all properly*  
*assessed real and personal taxes. Failure of the owner/operator to pay dully*  
*assessed personal and real taxes when due shall be cause to terminate this*  
*agreement. In accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, 1B the*  
*owner/operator shall be obligated to pay real and personal taxes on the*  
*structures or improvement added. Approximate locations of these pole structures*  
*and underground conduits are designated are defined or showed upon drawing*  
*of Granite State Telephone, Inc. number C-8-15 dated June 26, 2015 attached to*  
*a part of this order."*

100 Discussion followed regarding the concerns of taxes.

102 Vice Chairman Hagan motioned to approve the Granite State Telephone, Inc. petition as discussed, Mr.  
104 Trask seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved.

## 106 **IV Selectmen's Business**

108 *4.1 Roundtable*

110 Selectmen Cannon:

- Nothing to report at this time.

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Selectmen Castricone:

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- Mr. Castricone stated that we need to waive the RFP for fuel bids. He presented the BOS with bids received. Discussion followed as to who was the lowest price. It was determined that the present supplier, Ermer Oil Palmer Gas, had the lowest price and they would move forward with them for the upcoming winter season. Mr. Cannon asked if Ermer Oil Palmer would extend the pricing to all town employees. It was agreed they would continue that.

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118 Vice Chairman Hagan motioned to waive the town RFP policy to go out for fuel bids; Mr. Trask seconded. All in favor so moved.

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122 Mr. Cannon motioned to accept the Ermer Oil Palmer Gas proposal for the upcoming heating season; Mr. Castricone seconded. All in favor, so moved.

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- Mr. Castricone presented proposals for review for water testing and generator maintenance. He asked if there are any questions on these. The BOS agreed these are pretty straight forward. Vice Chairman Hagan noted there is no motion necessary. The bids will be signed.

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- Mr. Castricone stated the library has a maple tree to the left of the building they would like removed. They library is asking for permission. It was previously voted against in the past. Discussion followed as to why the tree is being asked to be removed.

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- The board asked for public comment on such from Deb Munson in attendance. Deb Munson stated it is growing amongst the other plants and it is very close to the building and produces a lot of droppings. This tree was not intentionally there.

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132 Mr. Castricone motioned to allow the tree to be removed; Vice Chairman Hagan seconded. All in favor, so moved.

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- Mr. Castricone presented information about the continuation of treating the trees at Stephen's Memorial Hall. The cost of the proposal is \$1,010.00. Discussion followed as to what the treatment of the trees consisted of. The treatment of the trees includes fertilization, trimming and aeration. It was noted this was in the budget.

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138 Mr. Castricone motioned to continue the treatment for the Stevens Memorial Hall tree; Vice Chairman seconded. All in favor, so moved.

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142 Mr. Trask:

- Nothing to report.

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Vice Chairman Hagan:

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- Nothing to report.

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150 Chairman Landau:

- Not present at this meeting.

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**V Adjournment**

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Vice Chairman Hagan motioned to go into Non Public pursuant to RSA 91-A; 3 Section 2C due to reputation; Seconded by Mr. Castricone. All in favor, so moved.

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Vice Chairman Hagan motioned to come out of Non Public; Mr. Castricone seconded. All in favor; so moved.

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Vice Chairman Hagan motioned to seal the Non Public minutes indefinitely; Mr. Castricone seconded. All in favor, so moved.

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Vice Chairman Hagan moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Castricone seconded the motion. All in favor; so moved.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle E. Trodella

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Recording Secretary