

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2015
Municipal Complex
Final 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)
Round Table
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Landau called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:03pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

Jack Cannon
Stephen Landau
Richard LeBlanc

Selectmen absent:

Joe Castricone
Joseph Hagan

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Leroy Scott
Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times Reporter
Fire Chief Richard Antoine

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Additions and Deletions:

Because Members Joe Castricone and Joseph Hagan were absent due to illness and a meeting, the C.I.P. discussion with the Budget Committee was postponed until next week.

April 7 is the last day for 25 or more voters (or 2% of the total number of voters – whichever is less, but no fewer than 10 voters) to petition the Selectmen to include an article in the Warrant. The petition points need to be on each page, and signatures and addresses of registered voters of the petition have to be on the page below the petition Warrant Article.

1.5 Public Comment: N/A

II. Old Business

II. New Business

The Finney family was donating a piece of property (7.38 acres) to conservation in lieu of this year's taxes. It is land-locked and off of Lane Road (Lot 14-3). They submitted a notarized warranty deed for the land.

54 *Richard LeBlanc made a motion to accept the 7.38 acres of land donation from Michael Finney (119 Lane*
56 *Road, Chester, NH – lot 12-14-3 on Rockingham Plan; D-19951 of Rockingham County Records) in lieu of*
taxes. Jack Cannon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.

58 The Road Agent had requested to appropriate \$85,000 off of the winter maintenance fund. Mr. Cannon felt
60 if this was not done, the overall budget would be impacted significantly. He said the line would be
overspent due to this past winter’s weather. After the application of \$85,000, the budget would be over by
about \$5,000 (net \$189,819).

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64 *Jack Cannon made a motion to request that the Trustees of the Trust Funds transfer the \$85,000 from the*
winter maintenance trust fund (and any interest accrued over the year) into the Highway Department
budget. Richard LeBlanc seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.

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68 Fire Chief Antoine gave an update on the Edwards Mill Dam, noting that Phase I was completed (the pond
was filled up, the gate was installed and the trash gate was now safe). The hydrant was extended out 45
feet into deeper water. He saved correspondence with Shawn Pattenaud, as well as photos of the stages,
70 on disc, giving one packet to the Selectmen, and one packet to the Town Clerk for the records. He believed
they came in at budget and said that the job was well-done. A Warrant Article for Phase II (about \$72,000)
72 would be done after all permits were in place (by the State). Phase II would extend pipes 60-80 feet and
filling the hole in. Chief Antoine noted that Mr. Remillard had a lot of overruns because of delays (due to the
74 weather) and checked the heat often so the concrete would harden properly. He felt it would be different if
they had permits. Chief Antoine was concerned about the safety hazard where the fence was down/gone
76 along the edge at the side of the dam where it was now all open. Mr. Cannon agree and worried about
children playing there. Mr. Landau suggested using a snow fence for now and Mr. LeBlanc wondered if
78 chain link from the dump could be used. For now, Chief Antoine said that he would put up tape until a long-
term idea was decided on.

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82 There was correspondence from Southern NH Planning with information on flood safety/preparedness.

84 On April 22, 2015 at 3PM, there would be a meeting of the Southern NH Planning Commission Mutual
Sharing Committee. The focus will be to propose/establish a regional electric purchasing cooperative
through the Southern NH Planning Commission and participating members in this Commission. There has
86 been no agreement to do this, but the Commission would go hear the information.

88 Mr. Landau noted that in Chester’s 2010 census, there were 4,768 people. The next census would be in
2020, when 5,404 was the estimated population. If the 2015 estimate of 5,097 people was correct, this
90 would change what funds the State gives to Chester (and other attributes given when the population
exceeds 5,000).

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94 Deb Munson would be attending a conference (Local Energy Solutions Special Update) on March 21, 2015 at
the Grappone Conference Center in Concord on Modern Wood Heating: Municipal and School Facility. There
were additional passes if anyone else wanted to attend.

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98 Mr. Landau reported that the owners of the Chester General Store donated a television for the grant-funded
Wii Health Fitness program for the employees. A letter of thanks would be mailed to them.

100 **V. Adjournment**

102 *Richard LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Jack Cannon seconded the motion. Motion passed*
104 *3:0.*

106 Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Perry