

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

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**I Preliminaries**

- Call the Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Approval of Minutes
- Review Bids for MPR Floor
- Town Meeting/Budget
- Roundtable
- Public Comment
- 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 7:43pm.

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen present:  
Jack Cannon  
Joe Castricone  
Joseph Hagen  
Stephen Landau  
Richard LeBlanc

Members of the Public present, at various times:  
Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times  
Leroy Scott  
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 will be one non-public session, under Reputation, to discuss the awards being given out at Town Meeting.

*1.5 Public Comment*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:45pm.

**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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**III. New Business**

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3.1 *Review Bids for MPR Floor*

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The Town has received two (2) bids for the MPR floor project; #1 proposes to use Robbins, which is a poured floor, and #2, GerFloor, which is a foam-backed textile. The high bid is for \$88k. David Laurin, the Architect, will be contacting Bidder #2 to clarify some details on their proposal.

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On the subject of the bleachers, there was some discussion about whether or not they currently have rubber wheels; if the wheels are steel, apparently they cannot be replaced. Additionally, Mr. Laurin noted that bleachers need to be inspected annually. A vendor that replaced similar bleachers recently charged \$31k to do so. Mr. Laurin will provide further information on this subject. This is not part of the floor replacement process.

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Selectman Castricone will convey this information to the Recreation Commission so that they can discuss it at their next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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76 3.2 *Town Meeting/Budget*

78 The 10% rule will apply this year at Town Meeting; the maximum that can be raised and appropriated is \$5,019,070. The total amount requested in the Warrant, using the Board of Selectmen’s Budget, is \$5,095,021. Therefore, ~\$75k must be ‘left on the table’.

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82 Chairman Landau noted that using the Board of Selectmen’s budget would add an additional \$151/year to a \$350k home. There are 237 homes in Chester valued at \$350k or over, and 1,488 valued at under \$350k.

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86 He disagrees with the Budget Committee’s narrative in the Town Report. They have claimed that the Board of Selectmen has increased the budget by 21% in the past three years; consultation with Finance Director Smith does not bear out that statistic. He is also concerned that the Budget Committee’s budget does not provide sufficient funding for the Town. Using funds from the Unexpended Fund Balance to fund the CIP will drop the town’s Balance down from 12% to 10%; the State expects ~15%. Selectman Cannon noted that the UFB will no longer be growing at the previous rate, as the funds that the School surplus used to contribute are now being diverted to other places. The Board is also in disagreement with the Budget Committee’s claim that they received little guidance on, or were unaware of, certain needs. One example quoted was that of the work remaining to be done on Edwards Mill Dam; the DES requirements have been extensively discussed and reported upon.

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The Board of Selectmen ordered the Warrant Articles as they did in order to ensure that the entire Town would get to vote on every Article; this is democracy.

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100 **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

102 4.1 *Roundtable*

104 *Selectman Cannon:*

- Nothing to report.

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*Selectman Castricone:*

- 108       • Recreation Director DeLuca submitted a memo, asking for permission for the Baseball/Softball  
110       League to deliver, install, and maintain a new 10’x14’ storage shed down by the fields. The  
112       shed currently there is full. There will be no power installed, and it will not be on a foundation;  
114       it can be moved to the Wason Pond property in the future should this be deemed necessary.  
116       Selectman Cannon stated that the Building Inspector must be contacted first in order to  
118       determine what sort of base would be needed – simply blocks, or pilings?

Selectman Castricone moved to allow the Baseball/Softball League to install a new 10’x14’  
storage shed at Nicols field, after approval is received from the Building Inspector; Selectman  
Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

*Selectman LeBlanc:*

- 120       • He and a lighting vendor counted the light fixtures in the Municipal Complex; this vendor will  
122       respond with an estimate to replace all fixtures.  
124       • The Post Office Porch floor will be painted this weekend.

*Vice-Chairman Hagan*

- 124       • Nothing to report.

*Chairman Landau:*

- 128       • He was approached by Town Employees who are interested in signing up with AFLAC; currently  
130       only the Fire and Police Departments are members. The Town’s only involvement is arranging  
132       the payroll deduction. All Board members were in favor of any interested employee having  
134       access to AFLAC.  
136       • The printing of the Town Report cost a little more than expected, but it cost less to mail, so the  
138       Town has come out even.  
140       • Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at midnight is the deadline for the Supervisors to provide the final  
142       Checklist; that said, voters may also register at the polls on Election Day.  
144       • Election Day is Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7am to 7pm. The Town Clerk will be accepting  
146       completed absentee ballots until 5pm that day.  
148       • Town Meeting is Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, beginning at 9am. This is also Hazardous Waste Day.  
150       Chester will not be officially participating due to Town Meeting, but a representative will be  
152       present. The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 due to Town Meeting;  
154       it will be open Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7am – 2pm.

*4.2 Public Comment*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 8:15pm.

*4.3 Non-Public Session*

Chairman Landau moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (c), Reputation; Selectman  
LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

The meeting room was closed at 8:16pm.

The meeting room was re-opened at 8:18pm.

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

Chairman Landau moved that the minutes to the non-public session be sealed for a period of sixty (60)

160 days; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so  
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**V. Adjournment**

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166 The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm in the  
Meeting Room.

168 Chairman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote  
was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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172 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra H. Doda