

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, May 9th, 2013
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

6:30 PM Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman's Additions or Deletions
Public Comment (10 minutes)
Approval of Minutes
Barbara Gagnon - Boston Systems
Rich Antoine - Proposed Non-Public
J. Scott Currier
Roundtable
Public Comment (10 minutes)
Non-Public Session
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Landau called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 6:40pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

Jack Cannon
Stephen Landau
Richard LeBlanc
Michael Weider (arrived at 7:05pm)

Selectmen absent:

Joseph Hagen

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Richard Antoine, Fire Chief
Brian D'Ambrosio, Boston Systems
Barbara Gagnon, Town Clerk
Robert "Red" Kelley, Boston Systems
Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times
Leroy Scott
And other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

48 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

50 Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

52 *1.4 Additions and Deletions*

54 An appointment with Better Future Alliance was moved to Monday, May 13th, 2013, at 7:00pm; two non-public sessions were added: one on reputation and one on acquisition.

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1.5 Public Comment

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As no members of the public wished to speak, Public Comment was closed at 6:44pm.

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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 this evening.

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III. New Business

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3.1 Barbara Gagnon - Boston Systems

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Town Clerk Gagnon appeared before the Selectmen along with Robert "Red" Kelley and Brian D'Ambrosio from Boston Systems. Town Clerk Gagnon asked the Selectmen to confirm whether or not they wished her to remain as Administrator; they do.

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Mr. Kelley handed out a network infrastructure diagram and briefly explained what equipment the Town had, how it worked, what the Boston Systems contract covered, and what security holes might possibly exist (USB ports, intrusions, webcrawlers, etc.). There was some equipment missing from the diagram; this will be updated. New equipment will be received in mid-July.

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80 There is presently very little content filtering on the network; Selectman Cannon asked for a detailed report. Although it is not possible to get a report of the websites most visited, it is possible to get a list of top bandwidth users.

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84 There was some discussion about wireless access inside the Municipal Complex. Currently there are two wireless access points; one in the Recreation office, and one in the Maintenance Office (which is through Granite State Telephone, not Boston Systems). Selectman Cannon would like to know if it would be possible, and safe, to provide wireless access within the Complex; Mr. Kelley will perform a building audit and report back with details and costs.

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90 Selectman LeBlanc asked about security camera access for the Police Department. (These are analog cameras that feed into a DVR, not IP cameras.) Mr. Kelley suggested that the computer belonging to Police Chief Burke and the Booking Computer have access, and will provide an

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estimate.

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Town Clerk Gagnon, Mr. D'Ambrosio, and Mr. Kelley departed the meeting at 7:23pm.

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3.2 Rich Antoine - Proposed Non-Public

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100 Selectman Cannon moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a)
102 dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee and (c), Reputation; Selectman
Weider seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so
moved.

104 The meeting room was closed at 7:25pm. Fire Chief Antoine remained in the meeting room.

106 Fire Chief Antoine departed the meeting at 7:52pm.

108 The meeting room was re-opened at 8:00pm.

110 Chairman Landau moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Cannon seconded
the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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114 Selectman Cannon moved that the minutes to both non-public sessions be sealed for an indefinite
period; Selectman Weider seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman
Hagan absent; so moved.

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3.3 J. Scott Currier

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120 Mr. Currier appeared before the Selectmen to receive a quitclaim deed related to some property
he had formerly owned in Chester.

122 Mr. Currier had sent the Town a letter claiming that he had actually paid cash towards the
property taxes, and had witnesses, but that he had lost his receipt, and then discovered that this
124 cash had not been applied to his taxes. Town Clerk Gagnon was disturbed by the accusation as she
has served the Town over 36 years without incident. After a thorough investigation, no record of
126 this money could be found in the Town's triple entry system.

128 The Selectmen would like Mr. Currier to either retract this letter, as it is public knowledge, or
apologize to Town Clerk Gagnon for the accusation of financial malfeasance. Mr. Currier stated
130 that he just wanted to put the matter behind him and move forward. He also questioned why the
money he had paid towards taxes was applied to current delinquent taxes before prior delinquent
132 tax years, which is what triggered the Town taking the property. Selectman Weider noted that
the funds had been applied commensurate with State Law.

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136 After some discussion, Mr. Currier agreed to retract the letter. The Selectmen accepted this
offer.

138 Selectman Weider moved that the Board of Selectmen sign Mr. Currier's quit claim deed;

140 Selectman Cannon seconded the motion, thanking Mr. Currier for retracting his letter. The vote
was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved. The deed will be recorded, and Mr.
Currier should have the original in 8-10 days. He was given a Xerox copy in the meantime.

142 Mr. Currier departed the meeting at 8:20pm.

144 **IV. Selectmen's Business**

146 *4.1 Roundtable*

148 *Selectman Cannon:*

- 150 • Nothing to report.

152 *Selectman Weider:*

- 154 • He ran numbers calculations with Finance Director Smith, and noted that the 10% will not
apply this year. Paper ballots have been requested for the Warrant Articles on asphalt,
the library position, the bond, and the skid steer.
- 156 • The Budget Committee would prefer that the Derry Ambulance Contract be in a Warrant
Article rather than in the Budget. Selectman Weider noted that this contract has been in
158 the budget in past years; the only difference this year is that the contract is for five
years, not three. He has asked Finance Director Smith to consult with Town Counsel and
160 DRA to see if there is any requirement that this item be on a Warrant Article.
- 162 • He plans to review this past year's \$94k of maintenance projects with the Legislative Body
at Town Meeting.
- 164 • A conversation was held at the last Planning Board meeting along with the Town Engineer to
discuss the drawdown of developers' escrow money in the future. The plan proposed is to
166 no longer release funds when the road's base coat is applied; rather, funds will be released
when the road is signed off on by the Engineer. Two other developments along with Lincoln
Lane currently have a road problem. Dean Eggert's letter and the road finishing estimate
168 were also reviewed. There has still been no contact from Abdallah.

170 *Selectman LeBlanc:*

- 172 • He wished to thank the people in charge of the Wason Pond Pounder for the good job they
did in cleaning up after the event.
- 174 • He was contacted with White Columns, an electricity broker, who have signed up the Town
of Hampstead and are interested in speaking with the Selectmen about electricity. As the
Board has met with White Columns in the past and decided against contracting with them,
176 the offer was declined.

178 *Chairman Landau:*

- 180 • He has the Melanson Heath audit agreement for \$16,500 to be signed. It is the same as
last year's agreement, which was reviewed by Town Counsel. Selectman Weider moved that
the Melanson Heath audit agreement be signed; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion.
182 The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.
- 184 • He also has the Tax Warrant to be signed.
- There is a skid steer at the Transfer Station; this is not the equipment that would be

186 purchased should the Warrant Article pass. It will be moved to the Municipal Complex in
time for the Legislative Body to view it at Town Meeting.

- 188 • The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, May 18th, 2013 for Town Meeting.
- Chairman Landau reminded residents that elections will be held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2013
and Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 2013.
- 190 • The new rodent problem at the Transfer Station has grown.
- The next ZBA meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21st, 2013.
- 192 • He received an email from Chuck Myette. Manchester Water Works wishes to divest
itself of properties; they own two 100-acre parcels in Chester, and plan to have a Land
194 Trust hold it. Mr. Myette is in favor of this, stating that the RFP is well written and that
the Town will not lose tax dollars.
- 196 • There have been no further comments received from the public on the Comcast Franchise
Agreement Public Hearing. Selectman Cannon moved to close the Public Hearing on the
198 Comcast Franchise Agreement; Selectman Weider seconded the motion. The vote was four
in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

200 *4.2 Public Comment*

202 As no members of the public wished to speak, Public Comment was closed at 8:35pm.

204 *4.3 Non-Public Session*

206 Selectman Cannon moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c),
208 Reputation and (d), Acquisition; Selectman Weider seconded the motion. The vote was four in
favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

210 The meeting room was closed at 8:36pm.

212 The meeting room was re-opened at 9:16pm.

214 Chairman Landau moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman LeBlanc
216 seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

218 Selectman LeBlanc moved that the minutes to both non-public sessions be sealed for a period of
three months; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-
220 Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

222 **V. Adjournment**

224 Selectman Weider moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The
vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

226 The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

232 Respectfully Submitted,
Debra H. Doda