

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, November 12th, 2015
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

- Call the Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Approval of Minutes
- Swearing in of Police Chief Aaron Berube
- 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 7:03pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

- Jack Cannon
- Joe Castricone
- Joseph Hagan
- Stephen Landau
- Dick Trask

Members of the Public present, at various times:

- Aaron Berube, Police Chief
- Barbara Gagnon, Town Clerk
- Michael Oleson, Road Agent
- Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times
- Leroy Scott
- Chief Berube’s Family
- Members of the Fire Department
- Members of the Police Department
- 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 Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held to mark the recent passing of former Deputy Town Clerk, Linda Mansur.

1.5 Additions and Deletions

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There was one non-public session added, as well as a discussion with Town Clerk Gagnon.

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1.6 Public Comment

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Selectman Castricone noted that long time Transfer Station employee Lloyd Healey recently had his 80th birthday.

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62 As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:06pm.

64 **II. Old Business**

66 *2.1 Approval of Minutes*

68 *September 10th, 2015:* Chairman Landau moved to accept the minutes of September 10th, 2015 as drafted; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon abstaining due to absence from the meeting in question; so moved.

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72 *September 17th, 2015:* Selectman Castricone moved to accept the minutes of September 17th, 2015 as drafted; Selectman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon abstaining due to absence from the meeting in question; so moved.

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76 *September 24th, 2015:* Selectman Castricone moved to accept the minutes of September 24th, 2015 as drafted; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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80 *November 5th, 2015:* Selectman Castricone moved to accept the minutes of November 5th, 2015 as drafted; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon abstaining due to absence from the meeting in question; so moved.

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84 **III. New Business**

86 *3.1 Police Chief Aaron Berube*

88 Tonight - November 12th, 2015 - was the night agreed upon by the Board, Police Chief Berube, and Town Clerk Gagnon as the night that Acting Police Chief Berube would be pinned and formally promoted to Police Chief. The Board wished him best of luck and a long, active career.

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92 The appointment paperwork was read aloud. Selectman Castricone moved to appoint Aaron Berube as Police Chief for the Town of Chester; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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96 He was sworn in by Town Clerk Gagnon and pinned by his Significant Other. The appointment paperwork was signed by the Board and by Police Chief Berube. Police Chief Berube thanked the Town and the Police Department for their support, and thanked all in attendance for coming tonight.

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100 Cake was served.

102 Business resumed at 7:35pm.

104 **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

106 *4.1 Roundtable*

108 *Selectman Cannon:*

- Nothing to report.

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Selectman Castricone:

- 112 • Nothing to report.

114 *Selectman Trask:*

- 116 • The County Workers began painting the inside of the Wason Pond Community Center this week; they will continue on Monday and Tuesday. They have already painted the outside.

118 *Vice-Chairman Hagan:*

- 120 • Yesterday’s Veterans Day events were a success. He thanked Jean Methot, the American Legion members, and the Town.
- 122 • Road Agent Oleson will use funds from his Plowing line to hire a seasonal employee to plow with the Town Truck when a regular Highway Department employee is on vacation. This falls within his budget; Selectman Cannon stated that this would cut down on overtime costs. Selectman
- 124 Castricone is concerned that the Town prohibits Seasonal Employees from operating equipment. It is surmised that the original intent of ruling this was to safeguard teenagers, which are the
- 126 usual seasonal employees. This will be researched, including insurance coverage, and a motion made to exempt the Plowing employee if necessary.

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Chairman Landau:

- 130 • Bidding for the Chipper, Loader, and Truck will close on Sunday, November 15th, 2015 at 4pm. Should the office not be open, bids may be slid underneath the door or sent through the mail.
- 132 They will be opened at next week’s Board of Selectmen’s meeting.
- 134 • Eversource hand-delivered notices to residents living near the Pulpit Rock Substation. Eversource should be contacted with any questions or concerns.

136 *4.2 Public Comment*

138 Leroy Scott stood and was recognized. He asked about the repair status of the east end of the Wason Pond Bridge. Chairman Landau has spoken with the Town Engineer who will come and look at it. Mr.

140 Scott stated that Maintenance Man Amato had indicated that he could handle the repair.

142 As no other Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:41pm.

144 *4.3 Non-Public Sessions*

146 Selectman Castricone moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Public Employees and (c) Reputation; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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150 The meeting room was closed at 7:42pm. Town Clerk Gagnon remained in the meeting room.

152 Town Clerk Gagnon departed the meeting at 7:53pm.

154 The meeting room was re-opened at 8:56pm.

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

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Chairman Landau moved that the minutes to the first non-public session, on Public Employees, be

160 sealed for an indefinite period; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in
the affirmative; so moved.

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164 Vice-Chairman Hagan moved that the minutes to the second non-public session, on Reputation, be
sealed for an indefinite period; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in
the affirmative; so moved.

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V. Adjournment

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170 The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2015 at 7pm in
the Meeting Room.

172 Chairman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote
was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

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176 The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

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180 Respectfully Submitted,

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