

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, October 1st, 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
- Interim Police Chief Aaron Berube - Public and Proposed Non-Public
- Planning Board - Proposed Non-Public
- Roundtable
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Landau called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:02pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

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

Selectmen absent:

- Joseph Hagen

Members of the Public present, at various times:

- Aaron Berube, Interim Police Chief
- Greg Bolduc
- Cass Buckley, Planning Board
- Michael Oleson, Road Agent
- Liz Richter, Planning Board
- Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times
- Leroy Scott
- Evan Sederquest, Planning Board
- Rick Snyder, Planning Board
- Brian Sullivan, Planning Board
- Michael Weider, Planning Board
- And other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

54 1.4 *Additions and Deletions*

56 There were neither additions nor deletions.

58 1.5 *Public Comment*

60 As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:10pm.

62 **II. Old Business**

64 2.1 *Approval of Minutes*

66 Each Selectman has copies of the currently unapproved minutes to peruse, and a cover sheet on which they can indicate their approval or suggested edits. The subject was not discussed further.

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III. Selectmen’s Business

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72 As both of tonight’s appointments were scheduled to be addressed in non-public session, the Board moved its Business to earlier in the meeting.

74 4.1 *Roundtable*

76 *Selectman Cannon:*

- Nothing to report.

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Selectman Castricone:

- Nothing to report.

82 *Selectman Trask:*

- Nothing to report.

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Chairman Landau:

- He attended the New Hampshire Fallen Firefighters Memorial service on Saturday, September 26th, 2015. The name of Roland Morrissette, a member of the Chester Fire Department who lost his life fighting a fire on Towle Road in 1964, was added to the Memorial. His daughters and granddaughter were in attendance as well as John Colman, Barbara Dolloff, and members of the Chester Fire Department.

- The Board had recently discussed installing secure wifi in the Municipal Complex. Boston System provided a quote of \$505 for the equipment and \$125/hour for labor - they estimated it would take about four hours to install. Selectman Trask is in favor of this. Selectman Cannon is against the expenditure, stating that in his opinion it, as well the current unsecured wifi in the Municipal Complex, are both unnecessary. No other opinions were expressed. Selectman Cannon moved that the existing unsecured wifi system in the Municipal Complex be removed; there was no second.

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IV. New Business

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4.1 *Interim Police Chief Aaron Berube - Public and Proposed Non-Public*

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104 Interim Police Chief Berube appeared before the Board to address, among other things, some fees he would like adjusted.

106 *Details*

108 Currently the Police Department charges \$57/hour for details, with \$37 going to the Officer and the
remainder to the Police Revolving Fund. The average hourly amount charged by area Towns is \$63/\$40.
110 Interim Police Chief Berube would like to increase the Town’s fee to \$59/\$39.

112 The Revolving Fund has been used, for the past two years, to buy communications equipment for the
Police Department. Once the latest purchases have been deducted, it most likely contains ~\$30k.
114 Selectman Cannon noted the value of this account for purchasing items without resorting to taxation.
Interim Police Chief Berube agreed, stating that his next planned use for funds from this account would
116 be to update the in-cruiser video systems.

118 Selectman Trask moved to approve the increase to Detail Fees from \$57/hour to \$59/hour; Selectman
Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so
120 moved.

122 *Fingerprints*

124 Currently the Police Department charges \$1/card for fingerprinting, other than Town/School employees,
who are charged \$0. The average amount charged by area Towns is \$25/card. Interim Police Chief
126 Berube would like to increase the Town’s fee to \$25/card for non-residents, leaving it at \$1/card for
residents and Chester businesses, and \$0 for Town/School employees. Interim Police Chief Berube
128 estimates that they average four fingerprint cards per week, with 50% being non-residents who are sent
to Chester from other Towns due to the low cost.

130 Selectman Cannon moved to approve the increase to Fingerprinting Fees from \$1/card to \$25/card for
non-residents; Selectman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman
132 Hagan absent; so moved.

134 Interim Police Chief Berube requested that his remaining topic of discussion be addressed in non-public
session. As the Planning Board’s appointment is also for non-public session, once it closes, the meeting
136 will not be reconvened.

138 Chairman Landau moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Public
Employees and (c) Reputation; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor
140 with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

142 The meeting room was closed at 7:21pm; Interim Police Chief Berube remained in the room.

144 Interim Police Chief Berube departed the meeting at 7:37pm.

146 *3.2 Planning Board - Proposed Non-Public*

148 Mr. Buckley, Ms. Richter, Mr. Sederquest, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Weider - all members of the
Planning Board - entered the meeting room at 7:38pm.

150 The members of the Planning Board departed the meeting at 9:01pm.

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

154 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.

156 Chairman Landau moved that the minutes to the first non-public session, with Interim Police Chief
158 Berube on Public Employees, be sealed for a period of one (1) year; Selectman Castricone seconded the
motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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Selectman Cannon moved that the minutes to the second non-public session, with the Planning Board on Reputation, be sealed for an indefinite period; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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Chairman Landau moved to continue to pay the Planning Coordinator until the end of the Fiscal Year; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Selectman Trask opposed and Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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V. Adjournment

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The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd, 2015 at 7pm in the Meeting Room.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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