

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday September 17th, 2009
Town Hall
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Selectman Brown called the meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:04pm. The roll call was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved. The BOS agreed that Selectman Brown would run tonight's meeting.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

Rob Brown
Joe Castricone
Stephen Landau

Absent:

Jack Cannon
Jamie Hassam

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Barbara Dollof
Midge Gould
Pat Martin - BOS Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Scott
Leroy Scott
And various other members of the public unknown to the minute taker.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Brown led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Meeting Additions or Deletions

Selectman Brown made one addition to the agenda: there will be a non-public session after tonight's scheduled appointments with the Welfare Officers & the BOS Administrative Assistant.

1.5 7:06pm Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

II Appointments

None of the Selectman's appointments were present at this time.

III Selectmen's Business:

Selectman Landau:

Selectman Landau opened the bids that the Town received for the water system at the Wason Pond Community Center. Selectman Landau stated the name of each company and estimated cost of the job. There will be some variables between the different companies because it is unknown how deep the well is at the site; which type of pump will be used and how much well casing will be used.

- Skellings & Son (Amherst, NH) \$ 9,545
- Lamphere Construction (Chester, NH) \$11,550
- Taskers Welling Co. (Northwood, NH) \$11,340
- Comac Pump & Well (Kingston, NH) \$ 7275

The BOS will review the bids and make their recommendation which will then be sent (with the bids) to the DES for their review and then the job will be awarded by the State. Selectman Landau stated that the Town has to dig the trench line per the bid specifications.

Selectman Landau stated that he and Selectman Castricone had hosted the area wide Selectmen's Meeting on September 16th at the Town Hall with attendees from Atkinson, Hampstead, Plaistow & Sandown. There were some good discussions between the different Towns with every town facing the same scenarios especially in the current economic climate.

II Appointments continued:

7:18pm ZBA Appointment
Jean Methot - ZBA Chairman
Donald Brown

Mr. Methot introduced Mr. Donald Brown to the BOS as a candidate for the ZBA. There are currently 4 members of the ZBA however having another member allows the board to have an alternate for meetings. The term for Mr. Donald Brown would be from now through May 30th, 2010. Selectman Landau stated that being a member of the ZBA is an interesting role in the Town and involves being fair with no set agenda. Mr. Donald Brown feels that it is not okay to complain about decisions if you are not willing to be part of the solution hence his interest.

The BOS recommended Mr. Donald Brown for the ZBA; he will be sworn in tomorrow by the Town Clerk with training starting right away with the ZBA Secretary.

III Selectmen's Business continued:

The BOS discussed a letter received regarding the purchase of a cell tower that is on Town

property. The Town owns the land that the tower is on hence the cell company currently leases the land but they would like to buy the land however the Town cannot sell the land unless it is sub-divided. The BOS asked for more information from the Cell Company and further clarification on their request.

The BOS will review the Meeting Minutes next week. There was no Public Comment at this time.

7:29pm

Selectman Brown moved that the Board go into a Non-Public session under RSA 91-A: III, (c) reputation. Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved. This non-public session included the Welfare Officers and Pat Martin (the BOS Administrative Assistant.)

7:50pm

Selectman Brown moved that the Board come out from their Non-Public session. Selectman Castricone seconded. The roll call was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

Selectman Brown moved that the meeting minutes from the Non-Public session be sealed indefinitely. Selectman Castricone seconded. The roll call was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

IV Adjournment

Selectman Castricone moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Selectman Landau seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Scanlan