

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

**I Preliminaries**

Call the Meeting to Order  
Roll Call  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman’s Additions and Deletions  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes  
Items for Signature  
Police Details  
Roundtable  
Non-Public Sessions  
Adjournment

*1.1 Call to Order*

Chairman Trask called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00pm.

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen present:

Cass Buckley  
Jack Cannon  
Jeremy Owens  
Dick Trask

Selectmen absent:

Steve D’Angelo

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief  
Nancy Myette  
Penny Williams, Tri-Town Times  
Any other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

*1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Trask led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*1.4 Chairman’s Additions and Deletions*

Police Chief Berube has requested a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a), Public Employees.

*1.5 Public Comments*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:01pm.

## **II. Old Business**

### *2.1 Approval of Minutes*

An approval sheet for the previous weeks’ meeting minutes is in the signature folder.

### *2.2 Items for Signature*

Chairman Trask urged all members to review and sign items in the Signature Folder. He also informed the Selectmen that payroll would be ready and needed to be signed by 10am on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **III. New Business**

### *3.1 Police Details – Police Chief Aaron Berube*

Police Chief Berube appeared before the Selectmen in order to discuss police details. Selectman Owens had requested this appointment, after speaking with the organizer of a private concert at Stevens Hall this past weekend, to clarify the detail requirement.

Police Chief Berube stated that a detail has a four-hour minimum at \$60 per hour. The original arrangement with the Recreation Department was that private events at Wason Pond with 50 people or more in attendance require a detail. He had suggested to the concert organizer that she hire a detail for this event at Stevens Hall as well, as it was a private event and there were going to be more than 50 people in attendance. Requiring details for Town-sponsored events are at the discretion of the Selectmen; for example, an elementary school dance would most likely not require a detail (although an officer is often in attendance as a community policing measure) whereas PTA events with cash would.

Police Chief Berube has requested to meet with the Selectmen in non-public session as well, and will do so after Roundtable.

## **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

### *4.1 Roundtable*

#### *Vice-Chairman Cannon:*

- The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met last night (Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017); things are moving along well. The Logo Contest, which will conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, could use more entries.
- The newly formed Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>; there were some remarkably different and varied ideas for future use of the property. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017; the membership needs to be formally selected.

#### *Selectman Owens:*

- The newly formed Strategic Land Protection Committee met on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and had a good turnout. Discussions included what the purpose of this committee should be, its scope, how it was expanding from just considering property for conservation to property for all of the Town’s needs, and how to connect contiguous properties. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### *Selectman Buckley:*

- He agreed that the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee meeting went well, with lots of new faces and energy. Chuck Myette, who had been out of Town, plans to attend the next one. Members of the Spring Hill Farm Board of Trustees should be helpful in future meetings due to

their knowledge of the property.

*Chairman Trask:*

- Busby will be starting Phase II work on the Edwards Mill Dam on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They are looking for a contact person. Former Fire Chief Richard Antoine had been the contact person for the Phase I work, as Edwards Mill Pond is a fire pond; however, he was a full-time employee, and Fire Chief Bolduc is not. Fire Chief Bolduc will be asked if he, or another member of the Fire Department, would like to be the contact person.
- The Annual Employee Holiday Party has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Town provides the hot food; employees generally bring desserts to share. The Selectmen approved expenditure of \$250, which is similar to last year. Assistant Assessor Packard is in charge of this event.

*4.2 Public Comment*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:13pm.

*4.3 Non-Public Session*

**Vice-Chairman Cannon moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Public Employees for two items; Selectman Owens seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman D’Angelo absent; motion carried.**

The meeting room was closed at 7:14pm. Police Chief Berube remained in the meeting room.

Police Chief Berube departed the meeting at 7:23pm.

The meeting room was re-opened at 8:01pm.

**Chairman Trask moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Buckley seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman D’Angelo absent; motion carried.**

**Vice-Chairman Cannon moved that the minutes to the first non-public session on Public Employees be sealed for a period of one (1) year; Selectman Owens seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman D’Angelo absent; motion carried.**

**Vice-Chairman Cannon moved that the minutes to the second non-public session on Public Employees be sealed for a period of one (1) year; Selectman Owens seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman D’Angelo absent; motion carried.**

**V. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Selectman Buckley moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman Owens seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman D’Angelo absent; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra H. Doda, Recording Secretary