

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Thursday, November 30<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  
Re-Activation of Waste Management Account in Auburn  
Appointment to Agricultural Commission  
Opening of Transfer Station Snow Plowing Bids  
Roundtable  
Non-Public Sessions  
Adjournment

*1.1 Call to Order*

Vice-Chairman Cannon called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:01pm.

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen present:

Cass Buckley  
Jack Cannon  
Steve D’Angelo  
Jeremy Owens  
Dick Trask (arrived at 7:27pm)

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Andrew Balch, ABI  
Andrew Hadik, Solid Waste Committee  
Bonnie Healey, Transfer Station  
Lloyd Healey, Transfer Station  
Cindy LeBlanc  
Nancy Myette  
Penny Williams, Tri-Town Times  
And other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

*1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

Vice-Chairman Cannon led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*1.4 Chairman’s Additions and Deletions*

Sealed bids for snow plowing at the Transfer Station will be opened tonight under New Business.

*1.5 Public Comments*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:02pm.

**II. Old Business**

*2.1 Approval of Minutes*

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

*2.2 Items for Signature*

Vice-Chairman Cannon urged all members to review and sign items in the Signature Folder.

**III. New Business**

*3.1 Re-Activation of Waste Management Account in Auburn*

Andrew Balch, Andrew Hadik, and Bonnie and Lloyd Healey appeared before the Selectmen to discuss an issue at the Transfer Station.

Due to the increase in population, the trash compactor is reaching capacity before collection is done for the week on Saturday afternoon; sometimes there is trash left in the hopper, or the gates must be closed early. Each weekly pickup is \$172, plus \$80/ton for its contents (usually ~15 tons/week). The current compactor is 50-yard and it is not possible to get a larger one. This is all household trash, not from demolition, which is not allowed; that said, if anything untoward is noticed (disposal of rugs, for example) those items are removed and Andrew Balch handles them. The Town did not budget for an extra pickup each week, although this will be considered for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Mr. Balch currently services 850 customers. He takes the trash from the 500 non-recycle households on Wednesdays to Casella in Allenstown, but the separated clear-bag trash from the remaining 350 households on Thursdays, usually ~5 tons a week, comes to the Transfer Station. He is willing to drive his trash to the Waste Management facility in Auburn in order to alleviate the problem at the Transfer Station. Auburn has plenty of capacity for the ABI trash, as it handles ~500 tons each day. The tip rate of \$80/ton will be the same. The tip rate at Casella is better, but it is further away and takes much more time. The issue is that the Town’s account at the Auburn facility has lapsed due to non-use; Mr. Hadik asked that it be reinstated.

**Selectman D’Angelo moved that the Town’s account at the Auburn Waste Management facility be reactivated, and Andrew Balch authorized to use it; Vice-Chairman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Chairman Trask yet to arrive; motion carried.**

This should be considered a short-term solution, as would be a second pickup. The long-term solution is to pour another concrete pad and get another compactor. One would need to consider the capital investment, the cost of maintenance, and the cost of an additional haul each week. Vice-Chairman Cannon suggested that cost scenarios be drawn up and used during Budget season.

Mr. Balch, Mr. Hadik, Mrs. Healey, and Mr. Healey departed the meeting at 7:22pm.

*3.2 Appointment to Agricultural Commission*

Cindy LeBlanc appeared before the Selectmen to be appointed to the Agricultural Commission.

Mrs. LeBlanc had originally been appointed in 2016, but without a term expiration date. She is interested in promoting agriculture in Town, and supports farms remaining as farms.

**Vice-Chairman Cannon moved to appoint Cindy LeBlanc as a regular member of the Agricultural Commission for a three-year term to expire November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020; Selectman Buckley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

Mrs. LeBlanc will visit the Town Clerk’s Office to be sworn in. She departed the meeting at 7:24pm.

### *3.3 Opening of Transfer Station Snow Plowing Bids*

The Transfer Station received three bids for snow plowing for this winter season, and they were opened tonight.

<b>Bidder #</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Covers</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Comments</b>
#1	\$6,200	Plow, Sand, Salt	Acceptance – 5/15/2018	Loader work at \$90/hour
#2	\$8,000	Plow, Sand, Salt	2017 – 2018 Season	Loader work at \$125/hour
#3	\$6,900	Plow, Sand	2017 – 2018 Season	

Vice-Chairman Cannon noted that Bidder #1, in addition to being the low bidder, was the incumbent and that the Transfer Station had been happy with his service. He recommended that this bidder be chosen again.

**Selectman D’Angelo moved to award the Transfer Station Snow Plowing work for the 2017-2018 season to Bidder#1; Selectman Buckley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

## **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

### *4.1 Roundtable*

*Vice-Chairman Cannon:*

- Nothing to report.

*Selectman D’Angelo:*

- Nothing to report.

*Selectman Owens:*

- Nothing to report.

*Selectman Buckley:*

- At Town Meeting this past May, he had conducted a straw poll about moving Town Meeting from Saturday morning back to a weeknight. The results had been relatively evenly split, and research was done to determine if this move would be permissible. According to Town Counsel Gorrow, the Selectmen have the right to determine the date of Town Meeting. Selectman Buckley is of the opinion that since the Town is now using the CIP, Town Meetings are shorter than they used to be and having it on a weeknight would not be as onerous as it had been previously. Additionally, attendance on Saturday has been horrible.

**Selectman D’Angelo moved to have Town Meeting 2018 on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm; Selectman Owens seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the**

**affirmative; motion carried.**

*Chairman Trask:*

- The Rockingham County Workers had been repairing the Wason Pond Barn with Maintenance Supervisor Amato and Maintenance Tech Eastman for quite a few days over the past two weeks. The lumber used was cut on the property and milled by Dick Lewis. Photographs were shared and all agreed that it was looking terrific.
- The windows from the Maintenance Garage have been taken to Fremont Glass and will be ready in ~5 weeks. The openings will remain covered with greenboard in the meantime.
- Poinsettias and wreaths were bought and will be bought, respectively, to decorate Town Hall and Town-owned buildings for the Season. The employee holiday party will be on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

*4.2 Public Comment*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:39pm.

*4.3 Non-Public Session*

**Selectman D’Angelo moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Public Employees and (e) Pending Litigation; Selectman Buckley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

The meeting room was closed at 7:40pm.

The meeting room was re-opened at 8:22pm.

**Vice-Chairman Cannon moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Chairman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

**Chairman Trask moved that the minutes to the first non-public session, on Pending Litigation, be sealed for a period of one (1) year; Vice-Chairman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

**Chairman Trask moved that the minutes to the second non-public session, on Public Employees, be sealed for an indefinite period; Vice-Chairman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

**V. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Vice-Chairman Cannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra H. Doda  
Recording Secretary