

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, April 18th, 2019
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I. Preliminaries

Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Additions and Deletions
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Items for Signature
Bridle Path – Eversource
Budget & Warrant
Roundtable
Non-Public Sessions
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Owens called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:05pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

Cass Buckley
Steve D'Angelo
Joseph Hagan
Stephen Landau
Jeremy Owens

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Nancy Myette
Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director
Dick Trask
Penny Williams, Tri-Town Times
And other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

1.5 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Owens led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.6 *Chairman's Additions and Deletions*

Agenda Item 3.1, *Great Hill Cemetery*, has been deleted. There were no additions.

1.7 *Public Comment*

Selectman Landau reminded those present that today was the anniversary of Paul Revere's ride; this led us to our current form of government in which we are no longer ruled by tyrants.

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 weeks' meeting minutes is in the signature folder.

2.2 *Items for Signature*

All members should review and sign items in the Signature Folder. Chairman Owens urged Selectmen to sign invoices more regularly, as smaller vendors are suffering from delays in their receivables.

III. **New Business**

3.1 *Request to Use Bridle Path - Eversource*

Selectman D'Angelo would prefer to discuss this topic in non-public session.

3.2 *Budget & Warrant*

Selectman D'Angelo had expressed interest in revisiting the non-lapsing language in Warrant Article #12, CIP Projects, and #14, Highway CIP Projects. The language currently indicates that the funds will not lapse until June 30th, 2025, which is the maximum allowed by statute (RSA 32:7). Selectman D'Angelo would prefer that the funds lapse earlier; Selectman Landau suggested June 30th, 2021, which is the end of the Fiscal Year, for consistency purposes. Selectman D'Angelo suggested December 31st, 2021, as this would be before the start of 'budget season' which would allow the funds to potentially be reallocated to a different project. Vice-Chairman Buckley saw the logic in this argument.

Vice-Chairman Buckley moved to change the non-lapsing language in Article #12, CIP Projects, from June 30th, 2025 to December 31st, 2021; Selectman D'Angelo seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Selectmen Hagan and Landau opposed; motion carried.

The non-lapsing language in Article #14, Highway CIP Projects, was left as June 30th, 2025.

The Budget Committee, which is meeting concurrently with the Selectmen, was notified, and their Chairman Mike Weider entered the meeting room soon after to receive an explanation of why the language had been changed.

IV. Selectmen's Business

4.1 Roundtable

Selectman Landau:

- He has asked Road Agent Oleson if it would be possible to utilize the Highway Department's F-550 after Town Meeting to complete some work at Spring Hill Farm; Road Agent Oleson was amenable to this request.

Selectman D'Angelo:

- The ad-hoc Technical Review Committee met and created a summation of its findings; he would like an ordinance drafted to sanction their activities. BOS AA Doda will consult with Town Counsel.
- He wished to discuss a request for Impact Fees by the Recreation Commission; Recreation Director Reishus, who was present, joined the Selectmen at the meeting table. She explained that a Fitness Trail had been in the CIP since 2017 but had been removed by the Planning Board this past January. Since it was a small project, the Recreation Commission had suggested using Impact Fees; the Planning Board is not certain that this is allowable now that the project is no longer in the CIP. They plan to discuss the matter at their meeting of April 24th. Mr. Weider stated that they are seeking an opinion from their attorney. Selectman D'Angelo opined that all capital projects should be approved by the Selectmen before they go to the Planning Board for vetting.

Selectman Hagan:

- Nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman Buckley:

- Nothing to report.

Chairman Owens:

- A request was received from a resident who may bring his government-issued vehicle home if he is allowed to park it overnight at a Police or recruiting station. Police Chief Berube has no problem with this, but the Selectmen asked about liability. BOS AA Doda will consult with Primex.
- Stevens Hall, the Library, and the Post Office had no water today. Selectman Landau noted that the pump for that well is 45 years old and will be replaced tomorrow by Russ Ouwerkerk.
- A letter was received from a real estate agent indicating that a client of his would be interested in donating property to the Town; Conservation Commission Chairman

Chuck Myette has been advised, and the Selectmen will let him spearhead the issue.

- Earth Day cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 20th, starting at 10am, rain or shine.
- Saturday, April 27th is both Household Hazardous Waste Day (in Plaistow) and Drug Take-Back Day (at the Transfer Station).

4.2 Non-Public Session

Selectman D'Angelo moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation and (I) Legal Advice; Vice-Chairman Buckley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

The meeting room was closed at 7:58pm.

The meeting room was re-opened at 8:12pm.

Selectman Landau moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

Selectman Landau moved that the minutes to the non-public session, on Pending Litigation and Legal Advice, be sealed for ten (10) years; Selectman D'Angelo 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, April 25th, 2019.

Selectman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra H. Doda,
Recording Secretary