

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Welcome Wagon Introduction: Julia Webb  
Highway Department Update: Road Agent Oleson  
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 7:03 pm.

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen present:

Steve D’Angelo  
Stephen Landau  
Jeremy Owens  
Charles Myette  
Joseph Hagan

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Mike Oleson, Road Agent  
Julia Webb, Chester Resident – “Welcome Wagon”  
Penny Williams, Tri-Town Times  
And possibly other persons unknown to this Recording Secretary

*1.5 Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Owens led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*1.6 Chairman’s Additions and Deletions*

No Additions or Deletions.

*1.7 Public Comment*

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:04 pm.

**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.

**III. New Business**

*3.1 Welcome Wagon Introduction: Julia Webb*

Ms. Julia Webb appeared before the Board at 7:05 pm to introduce the “Welcome Wagon.”

Ms. Webb explained that she had heard a complaint from a Town resident that Chester was not a friendly town. She said that with the help of volunteers, Leslie Packard, Bob Packard, Ray, and Lisa Marie Gould Dougherty (none present), a Welcome Wagon group was organized to introduce new Town residents to the Town of Chester.

Ms. Webb said that starting in January 2020 they will be personally visiting and delivering Welcome Wagon bags filled with packets of information about the Town to the new residents. If the resident is not home, they will leave a note saying, “Sorry to have missed you...” She said that the cost for 50 bags filled with the packets is \$250; they are starting with 50 because that was the number of home sales last year. Ms. Webb noted that they are accepting donations from Town businesses to cover the costs; Like New Auto Body donated the \$250 for the first 50 welcome bags.

The Board thanked Ms. Webb.

Ms. Webb departed the meeting at 7:09 pm.

*3.2 Highway Department Update: Road Agent Oleson*

Road Agent Mike Oleson appeared before the Board at 7:11 pm to give an update on the Town’s future road work.

Road Agent Oleson updated the Board on the progress of East Derry Road; he noted that the

road is wrapped up for the season. He said that in the spring he plans to put up a guardrails.

Road Agent Oleson said that he is putting up three stop signs at the T-intersection of Harantis Lake Road, East Derry Road, and RT 102 to try to slow the traffic. He said that if the signs do not slow traffic, he may install speed tables.

Road Agent Oleson and the Board discussed speed tables.

Road Agent Oleson said that the Fire House septic is completed.

Road Agent Oleson said that the access road for the Fire Department is completed, but that they are waiting for the gate to be installed. He said that he needs the RSA ordinance number to be able to get the signs; there will be two signs, one at the bottom of the road and one at the top. Selectman Landau gave him the RSA number: RSA 259:28.

Road Agent Oleson and Selectman Landau discussed tree removal; they noted that the landowner has the right to the wood from trees that must be cut down.

Road Agent Oleson and the Board had an in-depth discussion about the future road work for North Pond Road. He noted that the material under the road is not as bad as expected. Road Agent Oleson said that they could save about a third of the total cost for road work by not boxing out the road, but they would only get a ten-year life expectancy from the road, or they can spend the full amount that was originally expected to rebuild the road and get a twenty-year life expectancy for the road.

Road Agent Oleson noted that they have done the wetlands study, had the area surveyed, and have done the test borings, but have put a hold on the work for the engineering until he presented the issue with the Board.

The Board said that for a savings of only one-third of the work they are cutting the life of the road in half; the road work will be more expensive in ten years, so there isn’t really much savings.

The Board told Road Agent Oleson to move forward with the engineering as this will help them make a decision on the future North Pond Road work.

Road Agent Oleson returned to the Public seating at 7:41 pm.

#### **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

##### *4.1 Roundtable*

*Selectman Landau:*

- He attended the Municipal Meeting and gathered good information.
  - Develop a retention committee for records.

- Attended a lecture on roads which discussed who owns the road, depending on deeds of development roads.
  - Attended a class on attracting qualified people for Public Works.
  - Suggested using a product called Elephant Armor, which he saw at the exposition, for the front horseshoe at the municipal building.
  - Presented the Health Trust Grand Rounds program. A non-mandatory service that is paid for by Health Trust that provides third party advice on medical treatment and scheduling assistance. Selectman Myette suggested that a third party evaluate the program.
- He has one Non-Public.

*Selectman D’Angelo:*

- Nothing to report.

*Selectman Hagan:*

- Gave an update on the success of Veterans’ Day.

*Selectman Myette:*

- Nothing to report.

*Chairman Owens:*

- He noted that the Finance Director will be at next week’s meeting to present budget updates.
- The fisher presentation will be December 8, at 1:00 pm in the MPR. Fisher *cats* is inappropriate because they are not a member of the feline family; they are a member of the weasel family.
- Planning Coordinator Hadik (not present) emailed an update on the PD.
- Discussed Stevens Hall’s curtain’s fire-retardant status.

#### *4.2 Non-Public Session*

**Selectman D’Angelo moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Employment and RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation; Selectman Myette seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

The meeting room was closed at 8:03 pm.

The meeting room was re-opened at 8:45 pm.

**Selectman D’Angelo moved that the Board come out of Non-Public session; Selectman Myette seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion**

**carried.**

**Selectman D’Angelo moved that the minutes to all Non-Public sessions RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Employment and RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation be sealed indefinitely; Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

**V. Adjournment**

**Selectman Hagan moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Molly Qualters,  
Recording Secretary