

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting  
Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

**I. Preliminaries**

Call the Meeting to Order  
Roll Call  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman’s Additions or Deletions  
Public Comment (10 minutes)  
Approval of Minutes  
Items for Signature  
Wason Pond Playground  
Green Road  
Spring Hill Farm  
Potential Non-Public Sessions  
Adjournment

*1.1 Call to Order*

Vice-Chair Myette called the meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:06pm. Under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, this meeting is being conducted electronically via conference and video calls, as well as broadcast on Channel 20 and streamed on <http://vod.chesterctv.com>

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen Present:

Steve D’Angelo  
Stephen Landau (remotely)  
Chuck Myette  
Jeremy Owens (remotely)

Selectmen Absent:

Joseph Hagan

Staff Present:

Debra Doda, Town Administrator

Members of the Public Present, at various times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief (remotely)  
Greg Bolduc, Fire Chief (remotely)  
Phil Gladu, Emergency Management Director (remotely)  
Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director (remotely)

and possibly other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

### *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

Vice-Chair Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions*

None

### *1.5 Public Comment*

As no members of the public wished to be heard public comment was closed at 7:08pm.

## **II. Old Business**

### *2.1 Approval of Minutes*

This subject was not addressed tonight.

### *2.2 Items for Signature*

This subject was not addressed tonight.

## **III. New Business**

### *3.1 Wason Pond Playground*

A question had been raised late last week as to whether or not outdoor Town-owned properties, especially the Wason Pond Playground, should also be closed to the public for the duration of the pandemic. There was some discussion about regular sanitization of the equipment, but it was agreed that even daily cleaning would not be sufficient. Town Counsel was consulted and responded that the Wason Pond Commission, not the Selectmen, would have jurisdiction over that particular property.

Recreation Director Reishus informally polled the WPC and Recreation Commission members, many of whom who agreed that the playground should be closed, but that the open spaces, such as the trails, should remain open. Vice-Chairman Myette asked Recreation Director Reishus to compile written approval from all WPC members; if a majority agree,

Maintenance Supervisor Paul Cavanaugh will be asked to close the gate and put up closed signs, and Town Administrator Doda will post the closure on the Town’s website.

The trails and other open spaces, other than the fields which were already closed due to their condition, will remain open.

TA Doda was asked to alert School Superintendent Lockwood to the playground closure; it is unknown whether the school has closed theirs or not.

### *3.2 Green Road*

A resident has reported that there is a tree down blocking Green Road. As this is a Class VI road, the Town is proscribed by RSA from maintaining it in any way. Private citizens may maintain it with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen or the Road Agent.

The resident had inquired about clearing it herself, but was concerned because an abutter had stated that the Police Department did not want it cleared. Police Chief Berube stated that this was not the case.

Neither the Road Agent nor the Selectmen object to allowing the resident to clear the tree, but the Selectmen would prefer that she sign a waiver of liability before they provide their written permission. TA Doda will procure this waiver and liaise with the resident.

### *3.3 Spring Hill Farm*

Spring Hill Farm Board of Trustees members Richard LeBlanc had submitted a maintenance request to have three dead trees removed from the Spring Hill Farm property; when the tree service was in Town to remove dead trees at Stevens Hall, they also removed those three trees plus four additional ones requested by the SHFBOT at that time. The invoice has arrived, but Mr. LeBlanc believes that the Trust should not be charged for this work.

The Selectmen asked for the total amount of the invoice, the amount being charged to SHF, and what happened to the wood; these questions will be answered in time for Thursday night’s meeting and the subject will be put back on the agenda.

### *3.4 Transfer Station*

The Transfer Station is only taking trash, waste oil, and brush for the time being, as it is impossible to keep people six feet apart in the recycling barn. Selectman Landau suggested procuring a container from Waste Management that people could throw all of their recycling into in order that they don’t get out of the habit of recycling; a price should be solicited from WM. Transfer Station Supervisor Rich Czarnec has mentioned that he is working on a plan to continue recycling in a safe manner; this subject will be addressed again at the next meeting.

## **IV. Roundtable**

This subject was not addressed tonight.

## **V. Potential Non-Public Sessions**

**Selectman D’Angelo moved that the Selectmen go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (i) Emergency Management; Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. With all present in favor, motion carried.**

The meeting room was closed at 7:48pm. Police Chief Berube, Fire Chief Bolduc, and Emergency Management Director Gladu remained on the call.

Police Chief Berube, Fire Chief Bolduc, and Emergency Management Director Gladu departed the call at 8:12pm.

The meeting room was reopened at 8:40pm.

**Selectman Landau moved that the Selectmen come out of non-public session; Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. With all present in favor, motion carried.**

**Selectman D’Angelo moved to seal the minutes to the first non-public session on Emergency Management for an indefinite period of time; Selectman Landau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. With all present in favor, motion carried.**

**Selectman D’Angelo moved to seal the minutes to the second non-public session on Emergency Management for an indefinite period of time; Selectman Landau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. With all present in favor, motion carried.**

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Vice-Chairman Myette moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. With all present in favor, motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H Doda  
Recording Secretary