

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting
Monday, April 20, 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
East Derry Road
Emergency Management Update
Hart Roberts Road Update
Town Clerk’s Office Glass
Roundtable
Potential Non-Public Sessions
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Owens called the meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:01 PM.

Under the emergency provisions of RSA 91A, this meeting is being conducted electronically and will be recorded, via dial-in, (929) 436-2866, internet at <https://zoom.us/j/770832311> as well as broadcast on Channel 20 and streamed on <http://vod.chesterctv.com>

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen Present (Remotely):

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

Present: Town Administrator Deb Doda (Remotely)

Members of the Public Present Remotely, at various times:

Recreation Director Corinna Reishus

Police Chief Aaron Berube
Fire Chief Gregory Bolduc
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Lufkin
BOS Administrative Asst. Janis Jalbert
Road Agent Mike Oleson
Penny Williams

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Owens led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions

Chair Owens added an update on East Derry Road.

1.5 Public Comment

As no members of the public wished to be heard public comment was closed at 7:11 PM.

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes

An approval sheet for the previous meeting’s minutes was sent electronically.

2.2 Items for Signature

All members reviewed and signed the items in the signature folder submitted electronically.

III. New Business

3.1 East Derry Road

Road Agent Oleson has met with various residents who asked him to solve the speed issue on East Derry Road. The estimated cost of speed tables is \$5,000 each; he would prefer to lower the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. Selectman D’Angelo opined that a 5mph speed limit reduction would not do much good. Chief Berube noted if it didn’t solve the problem, they would move onto the next step.

Vice-Chair Myette motioned to allow the reduction of the speed limit on East Derry Road from 30 mph to 25 mph. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Landau – aye, D’Angelo – nay, Hagan – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. The motion passed 4-1-0.

3.2 Emergency Management Update

Chief Berube indicated that due to the Covid-19 situation, Officers are cleaning their uniforms after every shift rather than after a few shifts, and the cost is becoming prohibitive. The Department is looking into new washable uniforms, but in the meantime, Chief Berube would like to contract with a local drycleaner who will pick up, clean, and drop off uniforms twice a week for less than \$10 each. The Town will cover this cost and will add it to the spreadsheet of costs to be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

Selectman D’Angelo motioned to authorize the cost of dry-cleaning of Police Department uniforms. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lufkin reached out to the Fire Department and will share the emergency contact information in the flyer.

Mrs. Reishus recommended discussing Wason Pond as it is getting pretty busy there. On a side note Earth Day has only been conducted at Wason Pond but was cancelled due to COVID-19 for safety reasons. A flyer was drawn up to start a town-wide clean-up Wednesday which will run through Sunday. The bags would have to be left by the roadside and picked up. Chief Berube recommended a warning to residents to watch out for syringes. Mrs. Reishus will add to social media and to the flyer.

Selectman Landau motioned to have maintenance drive around Town and pick up the bags and coordinate with ABI or take to Transfer Station. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lufkin indicated she is working on a rabies clinic for residents by invitation only. The residents will have to call in and sign up and the clinic will hopefully take place in the school parking lot.

Selectman Landau noted concerns with transmission through water and other animals. Selectman D’Angelo will add the questions to ask at Wednesday’s EM conference call.

3.3 Hart Roberts Road Update

Chair Owens indicated that whether the road was returned to private status or discontinued, it would have to be put on the Warrant Article for the 2021 Town Meeting. Selectman D’Angelo asked if the road was ever adopted. Selectman Landau clarified it has been maintained by plowing and would have to have proof that it has been continuously maintained. The 12’ width is not a viable, safe Town road and it would need to be brought up to standards in order to be accepted.

3.4 Town Clerk’s Office Glass

Mrs. Lufkin reached out to Traynor Glass who noted putting glass on top of the door was an option but not a good idea. They can retrofit something. Other communities have done similar

so they can open the office sooner. The final quote was \$2,800 installed, not including the part over the door.

Vice-Chair Myette motioned to approve the plan for the Town Clerk’s Office. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Landau – aye, Myette – aye, Hagan – aye, D’Angelo – aye and Owens – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Roundtable

Vice-Chair Myette spoke with Dick Lewis about the dangerous trees at Wason Pond being taken down. A complaint was made by a resident on Lady Slipper about cutting in the buffer zone and they were referred to the Building Department.

Town Administrator Doda reported she went to the Transfer Station and had a tour and discussion with Transfer Station Supervisor Rich Czarneck. They have come up with a plan so they don’t need ABI all the time and can do recycling in the barn, without presenting any danger to the residents or attendants. Friday sessions could be eliminated. The sign in front of Stevens Hall is in need of repair. The plastic pieces can be ordered, and Selectman Landau will find out who made the sign itself. Town Administrator Doda noted there appears to be someone running a business on the Town baseball field. Chief Berube will look into it and report back.

Chair Owens indicated the following meetings were coming up:

Wednesday, April 22nd - 7 PM Planning Board

Thursday, April 23rd – 7 PM Board of Selectmen’s Meeting

3.5 Potential Non-Public Sessions

Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91A-3(II)(a) and (c) at 8:16 PM. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:16 PM.

The meeting was reopened at 8:30 PM.

Selectman Landau motioned to come out of non-public session. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the first non-public session, on Reputation, for an indefinite period. Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the second non-public session, on Public Employees, for an indefinite period. Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the third non-public session, on Public Employees, for a period of one (1) year. Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Selectman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer
Recording Secretary