

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting  
Monday, April 6, 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  
Emergency Management Update  
Transfer Station Recycling Update  
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 7:04 PM and read the declaration of emergency order.

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:

Stephen Landau (Remotely)  
Joseph Hagan (Remotely)  
Chuck Myette (Remotely)  
Steve D’Angelo (@7:07 PM) (Remotely)

Selectmen Absent:

Jeremy Owens

Present: Town Administrator Deb Doda

Members of the Public Present, at various times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief (Remotely)  
Gregory Bolduc, Fire Chief (Remotely)  
Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director (Remotely)  
Penny Williams, Raymond Area News (Remotely)

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*1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

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

*1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions*

Vice-Chair Myette added a student doing a study on trees at Wason Pond.

*1.5 Public Comment*

As no members of the public wished to be heard public comment was closed at 7:14 PM.

**II. Old Business**

*2.1 Approval of Minutes*

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

*2.2 Items for Signature*

All members reviewed and signed the items in the signature folder submitted electronically earlier this afternoon

**III. New Business**

*3.1 Emergency Management Update*

Fire Chief Bolduc indicated everything was on track and the Department was keeping ahead of things.

Selectman D’Angelo noted a FEMA grant can be applied for with a targeted start date of January 20<sup>th</sup> to recover funds spent on COVID-19 related expenses. The funds could potentially be used to improve the security of Town Hall.

Vice-Chair Myette reviewed Executive Order #25 which gives municipalities the discretion to apply blanket abatements on interest charges. Selectman Landau noted the dates need to be effective when the order was issued. Selectman D’Angelo recommended Town Counsel provide interpretation. Town Administrator Doda will contact Town Counsel.

*3.2 Transfer Station Recycling Update*

Selectman Landau reported maintenance was able to find gloves for the Transfer Station; goggles are on order and masks may arrive Friday. The Fire Department will provide some masks for Wednesday as well as a box of gloves that they cannot use.

Selectman D’Angelo asked about cones to guide traffic.

99 **Selectman D’Angelo motioned to order up to a pallet of cones. Selectman Hagan**  
100 **seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan –**  
101 **aye, Myette – aye, with all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**

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103 Vice-Chair Myette advised he, TA Doda, and Transfer Station Supervisor Czarneck had a  
104 conference call with ABI, and determined that in order to handle the backlog of recyclables, ~5  
105 tons of recyclables (except glass) could be put into a truck provided by ABI and taken to the  
106 Auburn single-stream recycling center, thus avoiding throwing them into the trash. A separate  
107 container will be used for glass. The cost to dump the recyclables in Auburn could be \$100/ton  
108 and may be reimbursable; ABI will not charge to haul. ABI is unable to provide service on  
109 Wednesday nights but is available on Fridays. The plan is to open the Transfer Station for  
110 recyclables on the next two Fridays and Saturdays, and perhaps by then the backlog will be  
111 handled; they may be able to fully open by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman D’Angelo noted starting this  
112 Friday could have low volume as it is Good Friday; it is therefore an ideal day to test out the new  
113 process.

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115 Selectman Landau suggested having a second compactor for glass and tin cans or renting a  
116 truck from Waste Management, as several businesses depend on the Town’s recyclables and  
117 could be supported. For the time being, however, this plan will address the backlog. The  
118 Selectmen were amenable to the plan and residents will be notified as soon as possible.

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120 **IV. Roundtable**

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122 Vice-Chair Myette asked for an update from Town Administrator Doda on the number of  
123 employees discussed at the last meeting who were looking to carry over their unused vacation  
124 time. There are about 20 employees on the list ranging from 24-200 hours. Selectman Landau  
125 asked if any time was reimbursable. Selectman Landau recommended allowing a maximum of  
126 three weeks roll-over and to pay out over three weeks. Selectman D’Angelo recommended  
127 running it by Town Counsel. Selectman Landau indicated he will ask at the legal meeting  
128 tomorrow. Town Administrator Doda noted FEMA will not reimburse for vacation time. Vice-  
129 Chair Myette noted only two on the list had more than three weeks.

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131 Selectman D’Angelo noted that the school is currently running a surplus and that will help offset  
132 taxes going into the fall. Finance’s latest projection showed the Town running a \$492,000  
133 potential surplus.

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135 Selectman D’Angelo noted that the Fire and Police Departments will host an Easter Bunny Ride,  
136 much like the Fire Department’s Santa ride, on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 6 PM.

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138 **Selectman D’Angelo motioned to allow Town resources to be used for this. Vice-Chair**  
139 **Myette seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye,**  
140 **Hagan – aye, Myette – aye, with all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**

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142 Selectman D’Angelo noted the Fire Department and Police Departments are helping celebrate  
143 kids’ birthdays and if anyone wants to join the parade in their vehicle they are welcome to do so.  
144 No candy is being passed out.

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146 Vice-Chair Myette indicated volunteers are reaching out to help with deliveries. Mitchell Decker,  
147 a student here in Town, is doing an environmental services project and went to the Wason Pond  
148 property to survey trees. He sent a report concerning the Hemlock problem we saw in South  
149 Woods which has invaded some species at Wason.

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151 There is an issue with off road vehicles speeding down Pomp Road to access the power lines,  
152 and people shooting guns along there close to homes. Town Administrator Doda and Police  
153 Chief Berube advised that as Pomp Road is a Class VI road, it is a public way and although it  
154 cannot be posted as “No Trespassing”, it is subject to gates and bars. Selectman Hagan  
155 recommended putting a gate and signage up, although there is concern that the gate should be  
156 easily visible at all times to avoid persons running into it, and it should allow horses access.  
157 The Selectmen were amenable to this recommendation.

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159 TA Doda indicated State Senator Morgan’s office is asking for BOS members’ personal phone  
160 numbers to discuss COVID-19. All members were willing to provide their contact information.

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162 Vice-Chair Myette advised the following meetings are coming up:

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164 Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Recreation Commission Meeting  
165 Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Board of Selectmen’s Meeting

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

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169 Vice-Chair Myette indicated he had one under reputation.

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171 ***Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II)(c),***  
172 ***Reputation; Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Landau –***  
173 ***aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, and Myette – aye, all were in favor, the motion passed***  
174 ***unanimously.***

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176 The meeting room, teleconference and internet were closed to the public at 8:49 PM.

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178 The meeting room was reopened at 9:00 PM.

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180 ***Selectman Landau motioned to come out of non-public session at 9:00 PM and seal the***  
181 ***minutes. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, Landau –***  
182 ***aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, and Myette – aye, all were in favor, the motion passed***  
183 ***unanimously.***

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185 ***Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes to the non-public session on Reputation***  
186 ***for a period of ten (10) days; Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll-call vote***  
187 ***was taken, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, and Myette – aye, all were in***  
188 ***favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

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190 **VI. Adjournment**

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192 ***Selectman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Hagan seconded the***  
193 ***motion. all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

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195 The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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197 Respectfully submitted,  
198 Daniel Hoijer  
199 Recording Secretary