

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting  
Monday, June 8, 2020  
Virtual Meeting  
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  
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  
Jeremy Owens  
Chuck Myette  
Steve D’Angelo  
Joseph Hagan

Present: Town Administrator Deb Doda (Remotely)

Members of the Public Present (Remotely), at various times:

BOS Admin. Asst. Janis Jalbert  
Police Chief Aaron Berube  
Recreation Director Corinna Reishus  
EMD Phil Gladu  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Lufkin

Jack Cannon  
Lorna Hazelton  
Eric Emerson  
Gregory Bobish  
Ken Biel  
Joe Rollins  
CCTV  
Penny Williams  
Chester CTV

and other persons unknown to the minute taker.

### *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

Chair Owens led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None

### *1.5 Non-Public Sessions*

Selectman Landau indicated he had a short non-public under public employees and reputation.

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

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:01 PM.

The meeting was reopened at 7:12 PM.

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

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

### *1.6 Public Comment*

Chair Owens opened the meeting to public comment at 7:13 PM.

Ken Biel asked why the Town offices were still closed and expressed concerns with the cost to do things online, the online portal is not free. Chair Owens noted reopening requires some construction to protect both people coming in and employees. Mrs. Lufkin indicated for those who don’t want to pay a fee to do business online there is a drop box monitored by video which is emptied every day. An appointment can be made by those wishing to do cash transactions.

Mrs. Lufkin expressed that she understands the inconvenience noting it is more inconvenient for Barbara and herself. They are doing the best they can and apologize for the inconvenience while trying to get things into place so it will be safe for everyone. Staff is working more hours during this, plus weekends too. Things will be different when the office is reopened. “Nobody wants to be back more than we do.” Mrs. Lufkin indicated “We feel your frustration.”

Mr. Biel thanked Mrs. Lufkin noting he has missed the last couple of meetings and a few weeks ago the Selectmen spoke of a plan to put barriers into place and reopen and weeks later that hasn’t been done. Mr. Biel asked what he missed and what they need to support this. “He would like to see that happen.”

Greg Bobish, 124 Smith Road asked why minutes have not been updated on the web page and noted he has been following Wason Pond and would like to see people get outdoors and get fresh air and keep Wason open. Mr. Bobish indicated he is a registered nurse at the Manchester VA and it is looking more like asymptomatic persons are not spreading the virus. Mr. Bobish expressed concerns with drug abuse and suicide. Mr. Bobish noted he was not able to read the minutes.

Joe Rollins expressed concerns with a Right to Know request concerning non-public minutes that have expired. Chair Owens indicated the Selectmen need to physically get together to unseal minutes and plan to do so as soon as the State of Emergency expires. Mrs. Lufkin noted she and Barbara have gone through a lot of them and organized them by department. Barbara made a spreadsheet of expiration dates. NHMA recommends a yearly review to either extend or vote to unseal them. The minutes will be available in the office for inspection once the office reopens.

Mrs. Reishus indicated she updates the Recreation Dept. webpage whenever there is new guidance from NH State Parks. The recommendation is still for transient use. These guidelines are shared with WPC&RC.

## **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.

140 **III. New Business**

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142 There was no New Business tonight.

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144 **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

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146 *4.1 Roundtable*

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148 Selectman Landau indicated he has discussed the Town Hall renovations project with  
149 Maintenance Supervisor Cavanaugh and materials have been ordered for the doors and BOS  
150 room. The work will start in a week or two. The project is nothing fancy, just to accommodate  
151 health, fire and safety.

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153 Selectman D’Angelo expressed concerns about getting Town Hall open as quickly and safely as  
154 possible. A majority of the employees are working at Town Hall. Selectman D’Angelo  
155 witnessed the Building Inspector meeting with the public in the parking lot. Selectman D’Angelo  
156 would like to see employees wearing masks, including Police Officers. Other Towns are  
157 meeting with the public by appointment. With the proper precautions an individual can be  
158 brought into Town Hall.

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160 Selectman D’Angelo expressed concerns about getting meetings started at Town Hall. It  
161 doesn’t make much sense to have the 300th Anniversary Committee meeting at the Legion  
162 instead of the Town Hall. With the proper precautions, social distancing and masks, meetings  
163 could get started and even Town Meeting in a few weeks could happen at the Multipurpose  
164 Room. Selectman D’Angelo indicated it is a logical conclusion as things begin to open back up  
165 that meetings take place in Town Offices and employees continue to be in their offices.

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167 Selectman D’Angelo indicated he had a non-public session under reputation.

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169 Chair Owens indicated additional guidance will be coming in from the state level shortly. Mr.  
170 Gladu noted there may be drastic changes on Monday (the 15th) or even Friday with the Stay at  
171 Home Order expiring on June 15th.

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173 Chair Owens indicated the following meetings were scheduled for this week:

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175 Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Recreation Commission Meeting  
176 Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM – 300th Anniversary Committee Meeting  
177 Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7 PM – Board of Selectmen’s Meeting

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179 *4.2 Non-Public Session*

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181 ***Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II)(c)***  
182 ***reputation. Vice-Chair Myette seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken D’Angelo***  
183 ***– aye, Landau – aye, Myette – aye, Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed***  
184 ***unanimously.***

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186 The meeting was closed to the public at 7:32 PM.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:45 PM.

**Selectman Landau motioned to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes.**

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

**Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes for an indefinite period of time. Vice-Chairman Myette seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Hagan – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – aye and Owens – aye. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.**

## **V. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hoijer  
Recording Secretary