

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 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
Trees at Village Cemetery
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 7:00 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
Steve D’Angelo
Jeremy Owens
Joseph Hagan

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

EMD Phil Gladu
BOS Admin. Janis Jalbert
Recreation Director Corinna Reishus
Eric Emerson
Sam Nasr
Penny Williams

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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 Public Comment

Chair Owens opened the meeting to public comment at 7:01 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 Trees at Village Cemetery

Selectman Landau indicated he is the liaison of the Cemetery Trustees and they would like permission to take down trees in the French lot as well as one tree outside the wall at the North Chester Cemetery on Smith Road and two trees outside the wall at the Sanborn Cemetery on Fremont Road. The French lot is maintained by the Trustees. Selectman Landau indicated he did not know the cost.

Vice-Chair Myette asked if any of the trees were dead or diseased, whether the stumps would be taken also and if removal might damage the stone walls? Selectman Landau indicated he was told they were dead but could consult with an arborist.

Selectman D’Angelo recommended tabling for two weeks. Chair Owens was in agreement.

Selectman Landau will find out the price, about the stumps, consult with an arborist; and about the walls. One of the cemeteries has an angled entry.

Selectman D’Angelo asked if any of the branches hung over the road or posed a safety risk? Selectman Landau indicated the tree hangs over Fremont Road and the branches will need to be craned down. North Chester is a dirt road outside the wall. That cemetery received a donation of two and a half acres.

3.2 Emergency Management Update – Phil Gladu

EMD Gladu reported COVID numbers in NH are dropping slowly. The Governor passed new guidelines for gatherings of 100 or more where masks are required. Of 419 deaths, 308 occurred in nursing homes. EMD Gladu reported that Fire Chief Bolduc will be picking up the PPE for the elections on the 19th.

Selectman Landau asked about getting fresh air into the MPR by opening four sets of doors during the election or having a tent and will speak with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

EMD Gladu noted the route into the MPR during voting could be altered, space people out, note busy times after work, have a few extra personnel on hand to wipe down booths between use, social distancing and possibly having people wait in their cars. Mrs. Lufkin has proposed three dates to discuss elections and is awaiting input. Selectman D’Angelo reminded to be sure to include the moderator in those discussions.

IV. Selectmen’s Business

4.1 Roundtable

Selectman Landau indicated he had three non-publics under reputation and Ms. Jalbert noted there is one under pending litigation.

Vice-Chair Myette added one non-public under reputation.

Selectman D’Angelo indicated the Nobis Contract was up for renewal concerning the old landfill.

Selectman D’Angelo motioned to renew the contract with Nobis for the coming year to provide service for the old dumpsite. Vice-Chair Myette seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Owens – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Hagan – aye, Myette – aye and Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Owens noted the following meetings were coming up:

Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee – Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment – Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM
300th Anniversary Committee – Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Highway Safety Committee – Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Board of Selectmen – Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM

4.2 Potential Non-Public Sessions

Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II)(c) reputation of someone other than a Board member and (e) pending litigation. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Myette – aye, Landau – 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 7:17 PM.

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

The meeting room was reopened to the public at 8:24 PM.

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

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

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the third non-public session, on reputation, for a period of thirty (30) days. Selectman Hagan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Landau – aye, D’Angelo – Hagan – aye, Owens - aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

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

V. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary