

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 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
Activities/Town-owned Buildings: Corinna Reishus
NHMA 2020-2021 Legislative Policy Conference
Roundtable
Town Administrator’s Report
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):

Chuck Myette
Stephen Landau
Steve D’Angelo
Jeremy Owens

Selectmen Absent
Joseph Hagan

Town Administrator Debra Doda (Remotely)

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

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Lufkin
Recreation Director Corinna Reishus
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 Public Comment

Chair Owens opened the meeting to public comment at 7:00 PM.

Selectman Landau noted there was a funeral yesterday for Candia resident Arthur Sanborn who was 84 years old. Mr. Sanborn donated acres of Conservation land not only to the Town of Candia but also to the Town of Chester. Vice-Chair Myette noted the Chester property had been given in memory of his late son, David, intended for Boy Scout use, and had a plaque installed. Selectman Landau noted a commemorative maple tree was planted on the site.

Recreation Director Reishus noted Wason Pond is fully open with the exception of the drinking fountain.

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 Activities/Town-owned Buildings: Corinna Reishus

Recreation Director Reishus indicated the Multipurpose Room is open on a limited basis, and Annex is open for the Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet is open. Users are provided with a checklist, guidance, and insurance requirements. The Boy Scouts have generously provided use of their tent for outside gatherings.

Selectman Landau indicated the Friends of the Library want to use the MPR for Breakfast with Santa in December. Recreation Director Reishus spoke with Ms. Knowlton, the Library Director, and they plan to have patrons book ahead by appointment.

Town Administrator Doda indicated the annex is open, heated, lit, and cleaned daily and is a suitable place for activities.

Chair Owens asked Town Administrator Doda how prominent the information is on the website concerning the process folks need to go through to use Town facilities? Town Administrator Doda will work with Recreation Director Reishus tomorrow to ensure that it is clear and obvious.

Recreation Director Reishus noted the American Legion Auxiliary asked to use the MPR for its Craft Fair in November, and as of now she would have to say no as the MPR is not open for public use at this time. Selectman D’Angelo indicated they would have to attend the next TRC meeting on October 5th; Recreation Director Reishus indicated that the Legion had gone through the process before and was aware of the requirement.

3.2 NHMA 2020-2021 Legislative Policy Conference

Chair Owens indicated the Board needs to appoint a voting delegate to attend the NHMA Legislative Policy Conference on October 2nd from 9 AM to 12 Noon in Concord, NH. One item on the agenda is a proposal from the Town of Hudson which wishes to lower the abatement interest rate from 6% to 4% to align it with the interest rate on late property taxes that was recently lowered by the Legislature. There will also be general discussion on legislative policy and principals.

Selectman D’Angelo recommended sending Town Administrator Doda and she agreed to attend.

IV. Selectmen’s Business

4.1 Roundtable

Selectman Landau indicated he would like Town Administrator Doda to look into appealing the DRA’s denial of funds for the Historic Building Warrant Article. Town Administrator Doda will speak with the representative.

Selectman D’Angelo noted the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission discussed the RFP materials for the ADA compliant ramp. They chose concrete with potentially a metal railing. Selectman Landau expressed concerns with ADA requirements changing after the concrete was installed and the level area needed where the ramp meets. Selectman D’Angelo indicated it could be prefab concrete and noted the door is also 2” too narrow from the vestibule.

Vice-Chair Myette noted the Planning Board has begun vetting the CIP process and reaching out to Departments asking to consider pending tax revenues. Mr. Hadik will meet with each department and discuss their wants and needs.

Town Administrator Doda noted budgets were due from departments on Monday which would give her and a couple of weeks to review them before the Selectmen begin reviewing them with departments in October.

Chair Owens noted the following meetings were coming up:

Monday, September 21, 2020 Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee – 7 PM

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 Planning Board – 7 PM

Thursday, September 24, 2020 – Board of Selectmen’s Meeting – 7 PM

4.2 Potential Non-Public Sessions

None.

V. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary