

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting  
Thursday, June 3, 2021  
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  
Flexible Spending Account Extension  
Update on Covid restrictions on Town-owned Property  
Roundtable  
Potential Non-Public Sessions  
Adjournment

*1.1 Call to Order*

Chairman Myette called the meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00pm.

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 (Present Remotely):

Chuck Myette  
Steve D’Angelo  
Stephen Landau  
Steve Couture  
Jeremy Owens

Town Administrator Debra Doda (Present Remotely)

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

Aaron Berube, Police Chief  
Kristen Burke  
Phil Gladu, Acting Fire Chief

Liz Lufkin, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector  
Mike Oleson, Road Agent  
Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director  
Penny Williams, Raymond Area News  
Mike Willinsky  
PACT

and other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary.

### *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Formal approval of the Flexible Spending Account Extension has been added to the agenda.

### *1.5 Public Comment*

Chairman Myette opened the meeting to public comment at 7:02pm.

As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:03pm.

## **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 Flexible Spending Account Extension*

Town Administrator Doda explained that a temporary Covid-19 relief bill was signed into law in December 2020, allowing for a carryover of time and dollar amount for the Dependent Care and Flexible Spending accounts. She requested a formal adoption motion to accept this agreement which had been discussed and signed in December of 2020.

***Vice-Chairman Owens motioned to adopt the Health Trust Agreement and Plan Document that provided for temporary Covid -19 relief for Dependent Care and Flexible Spending Accounts. Selectman Landau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

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94 *3.2 Update on Covid restrictions on Town-owned Property*  
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96 Acting Fire Chief Gladu reported 425 active Covid-19 cases in the state with 25 hospitalizations. The  
97 CDC is recommending no masks or social distancing needed for vaccinated individuals. The state  
98 stopped sending the daily active case report to the towns. The Fire Department is continuing to  
99 wear masks when entering residences.

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101 Acting Fire Chief Gladu recommends opening all the buildings to pre-covid status with masks  
102 optional.

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104 Town Clerk / Tax Collector Lufkin agrees with opening the buildings with the recommendation for  
105 wearing masks if you are unvaccinated.

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107 Recreation Director Reishus questioned if there would possibly be different rules for children who  
108 are not eligible for the vaccine and seniors that are still high risk.

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110 Town Administrator Doda commented the buildings will still need to be cleaned after use and the  
111 Maintenance Department has a staff shortage currently. It might be possible to clean Stevens Hall  
112 and the Community Center once or twice during the week. Acting Fire Chief Gladu suggested asking  
113 the groups that use the building to sanitize after each use.

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115 Chairman Myette suggested to follow CDC and state guidelines and open all town buildings on June  
116 11, 2021, with an option for wearing a mask and clean locations after use. Selectman Couture  
117 questioned how much time was needed to prepare to open all the buildings. Town Administrator  
118 Doda commented Monday would be acceptable.

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120 ***Selectman Couture motion to open the Municipal Building with masks being optional on June 7,***  
121 ***2021. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion.***

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123 Town Clerk / Tax Collector Lufkin pointed out the Municipal Building has been open to the public  
124 since July of 2020 with a mask mandate so the motion might want to be worded differently.

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126 ***Selectman Couture amended the prior motion to open all town buildings with masks being***  
127 ***optional on June 7, 2021. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken***  
128 ***Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – abstained. The vote was***  
129 ***four in favor with Selectman Landau abstaining; motion carried.***

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131 **IV. Selectmen’s Business**  
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133 *4.1 Roundtable*  
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135 Selectman Couture mentioned he will be attending the School Board meeting scheduled for next  
136 week.

Selectman Landau indicated he has one nonpublic and will follow up with Walmart about the cardboard.

Selectman D’Angelo:  
*Nothing to report.*

Vice-Chairman Owens:  
*Nothing to report.*

Chairman Myette announced six non publics for the evening.

Selectman D’Angelo asked why Police Department Training with liquor in the MPR would be in nonpublic. Vice-Chairman Owens mentioned liquor in the MPR is always public.

Police Chief Berube explained the Police Department is asking to hold a training event with the request that the date not be published in order to not attract a crowd. The State of NH Hampshire has about 60 DRE’s (Drug Recognition Experts) and Chester currently has 3 on the department.

The “wet lab” training will have participants that are dosed at certain levels and timeframes and allow officers to run field sobriety. This is a live training and allows the officers to see the impact on certain BrAC (Breath Alcohol Content) levels. All participants will sign a waiver and have a responsible adult (25 years+) pick them up after the event.

Chief Berube is asking for a police detail waiver considering there will only be officers and the participants in the MPR for the training.

***Selectman D’Angelo motioned to allow permission to use the MPR with no detail officer for Police training with alcohol. Vice-Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

#### *4.2 Non-Public Session(s)*

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

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:38 pm. Road Agent Oleson remained in the meeting.

Road Agent Oleson departed the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:30 PM.

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

***Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session, on Public Employees, for a period of sixty (60) days. Vice-Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

***Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the third non-public session, on Financial Information, for a period of sixty (60) days. Vice-Chairman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

## **V. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis A. Jalbert  
Recording Secretary