

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting  
Thursday, May 12, 2022  
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  
Reappointment  
Winter Road Maintenance  
Chairman’s Announcements  
Roundtable  
TA Report  
Action Items  
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.

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen Present:

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

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief (Remotely)  
Mark Desiderio  
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief  
Stacy Manfrates  
Nancy Myette  
Karolyn O’Cull (Remotely)  
Emma Ragnarsson  
Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

and other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary.

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52 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*  
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54 Chairman Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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56 *1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions*  
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58 PTA Father/ Daughter Dance was added to the agenda. Selectman Landau added alarms to the  
59 Spring Hill Farm discussion and a discussion about fields.  
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61 *1.5 Public Comment*  
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63 Chairman Myette opened the meeting to public comment at 7:01pm.  
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65 Chairman Myette thanked the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and everyone that helped Saturday at  
66 the Proclamation. It was a very nice event and attended by many. Vice Chairman Couture suggested  
67 having the 300<sup>th</sup> events promoted more prior to the events.  
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69 As no other Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:04pm.  
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71 **II. Old Business**  
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73 *2.1 Approval of Minutes*  
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75 An approval sheet for the previous meeting’s minutes was sent electronically.  
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77 *2.2 Items for Signature*  
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79 All members reviewed and signed the items in the signature folder.  
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81 **III. New Business**  
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83 *3.1 Recreation Representative on Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee Reappointment*  
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85 Mr. Desiderio mentioned he has been on the committee for a year. He noted the people on the  
86 committee are great and he is willing to help.  
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88 Chairman Myette advised Mr. Desiderio is a great addition to the Spring Hill Farm Advisory  
89 Committee. Selectman D’Angelo commented on how great and informative the newsletter has been.  
90 Mr. Desiderio stated Ms. Sautter (not present) has worked very hard on the newsletter.  
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92 Selectman Landau pointed out the alarm system is being paid out of the Spring Hill Farm budget. It  
93 should be in one budget and consolidated. Maintenance Supervisor Cavanaugh (not present) will be  
94 asked to start looking at consolidating the town’s alarm systems to one company.  
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96 ***Selectman Landau motioned to appoint Mark Desiderio as a Representative of the Recreation***  
97 ***Commission on the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee with a term to expire on May 31,***  
98 ***2024. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye,***  
99 ***D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed.***  
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Selectman D’Angelo suggested the oil budget for Spring Hill Farm be in the general buildings and paid by the town.

### *3.2 Winter Road Maintenance Fund*

Selectman D’Angelo explained the snow budgets were overspent for the year and \$102,177.82 is being requested from the winter maintenance fund. Selectman Owens feels the ice was the problem and not the actual snowstorms. Salt and gas increases were some of the overspent items. Selectman D’Angelo suggested possibly increasing the budget for snow and salt accordingly.

***Selectman D’Angelo motioned to withdraw \$102,177.82 from the Winter Road Maintenance Fund and reimburse the Winter Maintenance Fund not to exceed \$105K. Vice Chairman Couture 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.***

Selectman D’Angelo suggested increasing the Winter Road Maintenance Fun by \$50K.

Chairman Myette mentioned signatures are needed on an Intent to Excavate for Mill Pine Village. It should be noted the areas of excavation have been met and will end on December 30, 2022.

### *3.3 Father / Daughter Dance Detail Waiver*

Selectman Landau questioned the need for a police detail at the father/daughter dance. Recreation Director Reishus advised the event will have over 50 people in attendance and requires a police detail. Chief Berube explained he is fine with not having a detail and will have an officer will check in on the event.

***Selectman Landau motioned to waive the police detail at the PTA Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday May 14, 2022, in the Multi-Purpose Room. Vice Chairman Couture 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.***

### *3.4 Fields*

Chairman Myette advised the 300<sup>th</sup> should be notified of the damage caused on the field from the fire enactment and the town should fix it.

Selectman Landau suggested developing a new soccer field on another property. The current field is used for many events and not just soccer. Selectman Myette suggested a Recreation Complex be placed on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). With all the grant opportunities for recreation it was suggested to form a committee.

Vice Chairman Couture mentioned a Recreation Complex should be part of the Town’s Master Plan. Selectman Owens pointed out the CIP and Master Plan should align.

It was noted the Master Plan should be updated.

### *4.1 Chairman’s Announcements*

Chairman Myette announced the following meetings and upcoming events:

Monday, May 16, 2022 Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee Meeting at 7:00pm  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 ZBA Meeting at 7:00pm  
Thursday, May 19, 2022 Board of Selectman Meeting at 7:00pm  
Saturday, May 21, 2022 Spring Hill Farm Work Day 9am-2pm  
Friends of the Library Book Sale 9am-2pm  
Wason Pond Pounder starting at 9am

Chairman Myette mentioned Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Town Clerk’s Office will be closed for training and Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> the Town Clerk’s Office will be open 8:00am -12:00pm.

Chairman Myette announced the passing of William Herman, the Town Administrator of the Town of Auburn.

#### *4.2 Roundtable*

Selectman Landau reviewed the Viper Floor Scrubber quote which was received in the amount of \$6,294.66. With the budget being tight the Board agreed to wait on this purchase. The compactor came in at the transfer station with no instructions. Maintenance Director Cavanaugh is calling to inquire if it is operational.

Selectman Landau mentioned the Seniors have asked for new folding chairs with cushions. Selectman Landau or Maintenance Director Cavanaugh will get pricing on new chairs. Thank you letters for the dignitaries that attended the Proclamation need to be drafted.

Selectman D’Angelo has four non publics on reputation and Selectman Landau has one.

Vice Chairman Couture mentioned he may be available to call in to the Board’s meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and he will be absent on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board will hold a meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Owens:

*Nothing to report*

Chairman Myette has requested all the letters received for the Proclamation be framed. It was suggested they be placed in a glass cabinet similar to the one in the meeting room.

Chairman Myette announced Spring Hill Farm was awarded a grant for the ADA project in the amount of \$12K from Schwab Charities.

Town Planner Hadik (not present) submitted a grant for the Wason Pond Bridge recently. The engineer is going to look at the temp bridge for the weight limit and also for a design on the bridge. A design would better the chances of getting a grant for the bridge.

Chairman Myette mentioned the departments should look at their budgets and any large purchases should come to the Board for approval.

201 4.3 Town Administrator’s Report

202 Nothing to report

204 4.4 Action Items

205 Nothing to report

207 4.5 Non-Public Session(s)

209 Chairman Myette announced non-public sessions on reputation and employment.

211 ***Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II) (b)***  
212 ***employment and (c) reputation. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was***  
213 ***taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor,***  
214 ***the motion passed.***

216 The meeting was closed to the public at 7:47PM.

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

222 The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:48PM.

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

229 ***Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session, on***  
230 ***Employment, for an indefinite period. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote***  
231 ***was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in***  
232 ***favor, the motion passed.***

234 ***Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the third non-public session, on Pending***  
235 ***Litigation, for an indefinite period. Selectman D’Angelo seconded the motion. A roll call vote***  
236 ***was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With all in***  
237 ***favor, the motion passed.***

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

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

249 ***Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the sixth non-public session, on***  
250 ***Employment, for an indefinite period. Selectman D’Angelo 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.*

*Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the seventh non-public session, on Employment, for an indefinite period. Selectman D’Angelo 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.*

**V. Adjournment**

*Selectman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman D’Angelo 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.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis A. Jalbert  
Recording Secretary