

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 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
Fire Department: New Call Member
Assessing Contract
Spring Hill Farm
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 (arrived at 7:07pm)
Steve Couture
Jeremy Owens
Stephen Landau

Town Administrator Debra Doda

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief
Ken Martin
Nancy Myette
Jane Van Zandt

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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60 *1.5 Public Comment*
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62 Chairman Myette opened the meeting to public comment at 7:02pm.
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64 Ms. Van Zandt wanted to introduce herself as she is seeking election for the one seat Chester has
65 open for the House of Representatives.
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67 As no other Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:03pm.
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69 **II. Old Business**
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71 *2.1 Approval of Minutes*
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73 An approval sheet for the previous meeting’s minutes was sent electronically.
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75 *2.2 Items for Signature*
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77 All members reviewed and signed the items in the signature folder.
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79 **III. New Business**
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81 *3.1 Fire Department: New Call Member*
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83 Fire Chief Gladu introduced Mr. Ken Martin as a new call member of the Fire Department.
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85 Mr. Martin is interested in becoming a full-time firefighter and will be attending the Fire Academy
86 in August. The Board welcomed him to the Fire Department.
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88 *3.2 Assessing Contract*
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90 Chairman Myette pointed out the cost for the current vendor for the assessing contract is
91 significantly less in cost than other vendors.
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93 ***Vice Chairman Couture motioned to enter into the contract with MRI for Assessing Services.***
94 ***Selectman Landau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo –***
95 ***absent, Owens –aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye. With four in favor, the motion passed with***
96 ***D’Angelo absent.***
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98 *3.3 Spring Hill Farm*
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Chairman Myette mentioned the Spring Hill Farm Trust would like to continue with the lease, so the Trust is able to work on the farm and buildings. He advised the silo is in need of pressure washing. Chairman Myette mentioned the absence of lead paint and that the pressure cleaning process would not harm the concrete. The Spring Hill Farm Trust had voted to pay for the cleaning of the silo.

Chairman Myette pointed out the Spring Hill Farm Trust received a grant in the amount of \$12K and has raised money to start some of the ADA projects on the farm.

Selectman Landau motioned to approve the silo being pressure washed. 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 unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to sign the Spring Hill Farm Trust lease allowing the Trust to maintain the land and buildings. 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 unanimously.

IV. Selectmen’s Business

4.1 Chairman’s Announcements

Chairman Myette announced the following meetings and upcoming events:

Saturday, August 6, 2022	300th Anniversary Committee's Tricentennial Car Show & Festival at Chester Academy! It starts at 10am and runs through 2pm - check out the 300th's website for more information on the planned festivities. Spectators will be parking at Busche Academy, 40 Chester Street, with a shuttle bus running regularly back and forth to Chester Academy.
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Tuesday August 9, 2022	Conservation Commission Meeting at 7:00pm
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Wednesday August 10, 2022	Planning Board Meeting at 7:00pm
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Thursday, August 11, 2022	Board of Selectman Meeting at 7:00pm
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Chairman Myette mentioned the 4th edition of the Spring Hill Farm newsletter is on the town website. The Fall Festival at Spring Hill Farm will be on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

4.2 Roundtable

Selectman Landau advised there is an issue with the computers on the Volvo (Skid Steer) at the Transfer Station. The dealership that it was purchased from came out and parts have to be ordered. Selectman Landau suggests looking into the trade in value once repaired. The tractor does not have enough pressure to push down the metal pile and is not big enough to plow the area. He feels a backhoe type machine would be better suited for the Transfer Station. Vice Chairman Couture recommended Maintenance Director Cavanaugh (not present) follow up on Selectman Landau’s recommendation once repaired.

Selectmen Landau mentioned the painting of Stevens Hall will start in a few weeks. Also there has not been leaks reported in the building. Chairman Myette mentioned a gutter is in need of repair.

Selectman D’Angelo:

Nothing to report

Vice Chairman Couture mentioned ReVision Solar is returning for a site visit on Thursday August 11, 2022. ReVision is also interested in looking at the Transfer Station site again.

Vice Chairman Couture advised he is working as a citizen of Chester, not as a Selectman, on trying to have a Black Hawk helicopter fly over and/or land in town for the 300th Anniversary Grand Finale parade on September 24th, 2022. It is still unclear if it will happen.

Selectman Owens:

Nothing to report

Chairman Myette recognized the Fire Department for the 300th Fireman’s Muster. Chief Gladu stated it was Colin Costine (not present) who did all the work to make the event successful. The 5K held the same day was also a successful event with 87 runners.

Chairman Myette advised the engineers had a meeting on Carkin Street for options on what can be done and conceptional costs for the project. Dubois & King is also looking at the bridge design and engineering for the Wason Pond causeway bridge.

4.3 Town Administrator’s Report

Chairman Myette mentioned the 300th has asked for permission to utilize one of the town’s golf carts for the car show at Chester Academy on Saturday August 6, 2022. The Board agreed.

4.4 Action Items

Nothing to report

4.5 Non-Public Session(s)

Chairman Myette announced non-public sessions on reputation, legal and financial.

Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II), (a) public employees, (b) employment, (c) reputation, and (e) pending litigation. 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 unanimously.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:27 PM.

Selectman Landau motioned to come out of non-public session. 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 unanimously.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:55 PM.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the first non-public session, on Employment, for a period of ninety (90) days. 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 unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session, on Pending Litigation, for an indefinite period. 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 unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the third non-public session, on Public Employees, for a period of sixty (60) days. 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 unanimously.

Selectman Landau motioned to seal the minutes of the fourth non-public session, on Reputation, for an indefinite period. 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 unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Selectman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting. 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 unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis A. Jalbert
Recording Secretary