

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 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
Town Wide Trash Day Request: Ann Podlipny
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
Jeremy Owens
Stephen Landau

Selectmen Absent:

Steve Couture

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Barbara Cannon, Deputy Town Clerk
Colin Costine, Fire Department Call Member
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief
Liz Lufkin, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Nancy Myette
Ann Podlipny

and other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary.

51 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

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53 Chairman Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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55 *1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions*

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59 *1.5 Public Comment*

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61 Chairman Myette opened the meeting to public comment at 7:01pm.

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63 Mr. Costine mentioned the call members being notified of an audit at the Fire Department.
64 Everyone would be called for input on items such as turnover and general things about the Fire
65 Department. Mr. Costine mentioned some of the members have yet to receive the call. He
66 questioned why this audit is only for current members and does not include prior members.

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68 Chairman Myette stated they are looking at all departments and areas that need either
69 improvements or changes. This is ongoing and the Board has nothing to report at this moment.

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

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73 **II. Old Business**

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75 *2.1 Approval of Minutes*

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77 An approval sheet for the previous meeting’s minutes was sent electronically.

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79 *2.2 Items for Signature*

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81 All members reviewed and signed the items in the signature folder.

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83 **III. New Business**

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85 *3.1 Town Wide Trash Day Request: Ann Podlipny*

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87 Ms. Podlipny is asking permission to have a town wide trash pickup day in October. She has many
88 organizations in town that would like to volunteer. Her goal is to inform and educate residents on
89 reducing waste with the emphasis on single use plastics. Ms. Podlipny is also working with the
90 school on a possible Eco Club for the students.

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92 Ms. Podlipny was advised to have a plan in place for the event and to schedule a meeting with the
93 Technical Review Committee.

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95 **IV. Selectmen’s Business**

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97 *4.1 Chairman’s Announcements*

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99 Chairman Myette announced the following meetings and upcoming events:

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 Planning Board Meeting at 7:00pm
Thursday, August 25, 2022 Board of Selectman Meeting at 7:00pm
Saturday, September 10, 2022 Spring Hill Farm Fall Festival
Saturday, September 24, 2022 300th Anniversary Grand Finale Parade

4.2 Roundtable

Selectman D’Angelo
Nothing to report

Selectman Owens
Nothing to report

Selectman Landau
Nothing to report

Chairman Myette passed around letters concerning damage done to tires while Fremont Road was being paved. The person drove thru the area and damaged his tires. This is the contractor’s responsibility, not the town’s. One letter is an acknowledgement of the documents and the other is to the contractor providing them the documents. The Board agreed to Chairman Myette signing the letters.

Chairman Myette mentioned the Town will be receiving a special one-time highway payment for \$125,620.30 in accordance with Senate Bill 401. There will be a public hearing in September for the funds to be accepted by the town.

4.3 Town Administrator’s Report
Nothing to report

4.4 Action Items
Nothing to report

4.5 Non-Public Session(s)

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

Chairman Myette motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II), (c) reputation and (e) pending litigation. Selectman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture –absent, Landau – aye. With four in favor, the motion passed with Couture absent.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:26 PM; Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Lufkin and Deputy Town Clerk Cannon remained in the meeting room.

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Lufkin and Deputy Town Clerk Cannon departed the meeting room at 7:45 PM; Fire Chief Gladu entered the meeting room at that time.

Fire Chief Gladu departed the meeting room at 7:54 PM.

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

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:49 PM.

Chairman Myette motioned to seal the minutes of the first non-public session, on Reputation, for a period of thirty (30) days. Selectman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture –absent, Landau – aye. With four in favor, the motion passed with Couture absent.

Chairman Myette motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session, on Pending Litigation, for an indefinite period. Selectman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture –absent, Landau – aye. With four in favor, the motion passed with Couture absent.

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

V. Adjournment

Chairman Myette moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Owens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, D’Angelo – aye, Owens –aye, Couture –absent, Landau – aye. With four in favor, the motion passed with Couture absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis A. Jalbert
Recording Secretary