

**Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, April 4th, 2016
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Warrant Articles
Cole Road
Roundtable
Public Comment
Non-Public Sessions
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Landau called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:06pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectmen present:

Jack Cannon
Joe Castricone
Stephen Landau
Dick Trask

Selectmen absent:

Joseph Hagan

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Additions and Deletions

There were neither additions nor deletions.

1.5 Public Comment

As there were no Members of the Public in attendance, Public Comment was closed at 7:07pm.

II. Old Business

2.1 Warrant Articles

The stated purpose of tonight’s meeting is to arrange the remaining Warrant Articles into the order in

54 which they will be addressed at Town Meeting. (Articles 1 through 7 are Zoning Amendments, and will
56 be handled first.) Articles 9, 10, and 11 had not yet received votes whether to support or not; this was
also done. After some discussion, the order will be:

58 Article 8: CIP

60 Article 9: CIP Projects *Tally Vote 4 yes/0 no/1 absent*

62 There is some concern about the items listed in Warrant Article 9, CIP Projects. Selectman Castricone
spoke to Andrew Hadik who stated that the “Major Projects” and “Water/Heating System” for a total of
64 ~\$50k should not be funded through the CIP.

66 An opinion to the contrary is that anything considered maintenance can be funded in that way as long as
the original project was capital; that the Water/Heating System, since it will allow the MPR to be used as
68 a shelter, can be funded through the CIP, and that chimneys, being a large repair, can also be funded
through the CIP.

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Should the DRA disallow any of the items under Warrant Article 9, CIP Projects, the Operating Budget
72 will have to be amended on the floor at Town Meeting. A contingency plan is essential.

74 Article 10: Highway CIP *Tally Vote 4 yes/0 no/1 absent*

76 Article 11: Competitive Employee Compensation *Tally Vote 3 yes/0 no/1 abstain/1 absent*

78 Selectman Castricone procured the latest available information from LGC on compensation, and reported
that in his opinion, the Town’s current wages are competitive with those that were paid in 2014, not
80 2016. He will prepare a presentation for Town Meeting using high level demographics, not specifics.

82 Article 12: Operating Budget

84 Article 13: Road Agent

86 Article 14: Edwards Mill Dam Phase II

88 Article 15: PACT

90 Article 16: 300th Anniversary

92 Article 17: Spring Hill Farm

94 Article 18: Winter Maintenance

96 Article 19: Building Improvement Capital Reserve

98 Article 20: Full Time Recreation Director *Tally Vote 4 yes/0 no/1 absent*

100 The wording of Warrant Article 20 was amended slightly to reflect the fact that, per previous discussions
with the Recreation Commission, the Board expects the Recreation Department to provide \$10k out of
102 their revolving account annually to offset the cost of increased wages.

104 Chairman Landau moved to add the following sentence to Warrant Article 20: “*with \$10,000 to be
annually taken from the Recreation revolving fund for the funding of wages.*” Selectman Castricone
106 seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

Warrant Article 20 now reads:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-nine thousand, five hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$39,587); \$9,014 is for additional wages and \$30,573 for benefits, to change the Recreation Director from part-time to a full-time position with benefits, *with \$10,000 to be annually taken from the Recreation revolving fund for the funding of wages.*

This revised wording will be sent to Finance Director Smith and to Town Counsel Gorrow for their approval.

III. New Business

3.1 Cole Road

As mentioned by Vice-Chairman Hagan in Roundtable last week, Dubois & King has identified a culvert issue on Cole Road.

Chairman Landau moved to ask Road Agent Oleson to restrict traffic on Cole Road to an appropriate limit of gross vehicle weight due to potential culvert damage; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

IV. Selectmen’s Business

4.1 Roundtable

Selectman Cannon:

- Nothing to report.

Selectman Castricone:

- Nothing to report.

Selectman Trask:

- Nothing to report.

Chairman Landau:

- The Budget Public Hearing will be at the Selectmen’s meeting of April 14th, 2016, which is a week from this coming Thursday. There will also be a Road Acceptance public hearing that night.

4.2 Public Comment

As there were no Members of the Public in attendance, Public Comment was closed at 7:48pm.

4.3 Non-Public Sessions

Chairman Landau moved that the Board go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Pending Litigation; Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

The meeting room was closed at 7:49pm.

160 The meeting room was re-opened at 8:08pm.

162 Chairman Landau moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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Chairman Landau moved that the minutes to the non-public session on Pending Litigation be sealed for an indefinite period; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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V. Adjournment

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The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th, 2016 at 7pm in the Meeting Room.

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174 Chairman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Hagan absent; so moved.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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180 Respectfully Submitted,

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