

SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 3, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendees: Carol Olsen Mike Button Mike Kuban
Nolan LaFrancis Mike Whipple Mitch Taylor (Casella)
Karen Lathrop Rick Ackerman David Button Heidi Goodrich

Meeting was called to order by Carol Olsen at 6:30. Agenda was reviewed and personnel was moved to the first item and Mitch Taylor was moved to the second item.

Button made a motion and Kuban seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel items at 6:31, so moved.

Button made a motion and Kuban seconded to exit executive session at 7:35, so moved, personnel to prepare information for Selectboard and return on July 1, 2014 meeting.

The Selectboard allowed Mitch Taylor from Casella to speak. He expressed Casella's desire to do business with the Town of Chelsea again and inquired of the timeline for transfer station proposals. He explained some of the options Casella would be able to offer in assisting the Town with new regulatory requirements. The Selectboard asked for information related to different options and bins be sent to the administrative assistant.

Public concerns:

Heidi Goodrich noted holes in the north common. Rick Ackerman stated he would take care of the holes.

Selectboard acknowledged correspondence from Cynthia Masterman regarding how funds would be raised for the garage. State law requires the project to be financed through a tax assessment against the taxable grand list.

Approve Minutes:

Kuban made a motion and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the May 20, 2014 Selectboard meeting, so moved.

Water Department:

The update to the water ordinance and billing policy was tabled.

Highway Department:

An Equipment Sharing Agreement with Corinth was discussed. Rick has contacted the Town's insurance carrier (VLCT-PACIF). The insurer will not have an issue with Chelsea using other equipment if it is operated by Chelsea personnel and the insurer is notified of the situation through phone or electronic means.

Rick has had Hook Construction look at Moxley bridge and provide an estimate to correct the issues noted in the State inspection report. The Selectboard acknowledged the letter received from Patricia Moxley Hemenway stating the historic nature of the bridge and advocating to keep it in its historic form. The Selectboard noted that this opinion has been expressed by many others as well. At Rick's suggestion, the Selectboard agreed the Town should send a letter to a party that typically exceeds the current 4 ton weight limit on Moxley bridge.

Rick described the deterioration of the bridge abutment on the Maple Avenue bridge and how it would need to be addressed.

Rick discussed the need for guard rails on the Jenkins Brook road bridge. The Selectboard asked Rick to have Lafayette provide an estimate and install if cost is reasonable.

The Selectboard and Rick discussed the hours worked by the crew and its use of the water/wastewater personnel as needed. The viability of a full time third crewmember and related costs were debated. The additional benefits of an additional crew member were also discussed. All expressed satisfaction with the current arrangement.

Town Clerk:

Button made a motion to approve the Dog Warrant and Kuban seconded, so moved. Selectboard signed the Dog Warrant.

Website update and update policy were discussed. Karen described the efforts she and a few volunteers have been doing the progress that has been made. Karen would like the Selectboard to adopt a policy to clarify which individuals or committees would have administrative rights and which individuals should be responsible for administering the site. Karen and Selectboard agreed that they would continue these efforts with the first items to be concluded being an updated site map, establishment of user rights, and define responsibilities.

Old Business:

Generator was tabled.

Personnel policy was tabled.

Bond vote will be official on June 12th, providing there is not a petition filed for another vote.

Garage was discussed in depth. A contractor has inquired of Karen about bidding documents, she relayed to him that the documents are not yet available. Kuban updated the Selectboard that the Town is waiting on bid documents from Dubois & King, those documents should be completed soon. Selectboard discussed timing problems and potential need to hire site work separately from building construction to comply with environmental court ruling. Selectboard also reviewed the process to finalize the Development Review Board permitting and the bid process. Selectboard discussed having the house evaluated for value once it becomes vacant later this month, potential auction or requests to buy and remove the house from the property at that time.

Recycling container is still in need of repair and discussions are ongoing.

Drainage culvert: Rick will have Hartigan evaluate the culvert and determine if it is blocked or has another issue.

Town Hall Roof was tabled.

Recreation committee was tabled.

Park Commission was tabled.

New Business:

Button/King zoning violations have been sent by the Zoning administrator, Selectboard acknowledged the letters and noted there is no action required by the Selectboard at this time.

Button made a motion to enter executive session at 9:40 to discuss contractual issue, Kuban seconded the motion, so moved. Button made a motion to leave executive session at 10:00, Kuban seconded the motion. Kuban to contact vendor and express the Town's position.

Adjournment:

Button made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00, Kuban seconded the motion, so moved.