

Chelsea Selectboard Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Tuesday, 16 June 2020 7:00PM
Chelsea Town Hall/Zoom

Selectboard Members Present: Geoffrey Clayton, Liam Hogan, Levar Cole, Kate MacLean, Jeremy Hook
Other Town Officials/Employees Present: Kent Gilman – Administrative Assistant, Gayle Durkee - Treasurer
Members of the Public Present: Marianne McCann – Herald Reporter, Frank Keene, Terry Carty, Bill Smith, Marty Gratz, Mark Whitney,

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- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order by Geoff at 7:07
- II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda:**
- a. **Planning Commission appointment**
 - b. **Use of Village Green Request**
 - c. **Executive Session**
- III. Public Comments:** AT&T Cell Tower – update on process and information.
- IV. Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Liam – Planning Commission Appointment
- V. Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes From 2 June 2020:** Motion was made by Liam, 2nd Kate to approve the minutes from 2 June 2020 meeting. Approved.
- VI. Planning Commission Appointment:** Mark Whitney – someone had approached him about serving and he said yes. Doug Lyford – report from Levar. If others were interested, he would still help out, but would step back from the appointment. Motion was made by Kate, 2nd Jeremy to appoint Mark Whitney to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term. Approved, with Liam reclused.
- VII. Use of Village Green Request:** Bill Smith submitted a request for use of the North Common for 20 June from 10-12, for a Drive by Graduation for the Seniors from Chelsea who are graduating from area schools. Motion was made by Kate, 2nd Liam to approve the request. Approved.
- VIII. Drain behind Button’s Store:** This culvert was replaced 40 yrs ago by the town and the town installed a smaller culvert than what was in prior. It has been creating water problems for Button’s Store since then. Need to find out what size the culvert under VT 110 is and find out cost to replace. Talk to Rick about this project.
- IX. Old Town Drain behind the Creamery:** Roberts-Gould Field water is drained into it and under the creamery. There is an old grate and basin there with plywood over it. Need to do some more research to see what possible solutions might be.
- X. Barn Quilt for Old Town Garage:** Marty Gratz presented a design she would like to use for barn quilt painting. She is going to hire Carrie Caouette to do the painting. Maybe look at doing a 6x6 instead of 4x4 so it will show up better. Motion was made by Liam, 2nd Jeremy, to accept the Barn Quilt from Maty Gratz. Approved.
- XI. Roberts-Gould Field Use:** There was a request by Three Corner Babe Ruth to use the field from 1 July thru 15 Oct for ball practice and games. They would coordinate schedules with Lou Maraget to make sure there was not conflicts. The team represents kids from Vershire, Chelsea and Corinth? Review of email this is actually youth from Chelsea, Thetford, Rivendell. Motion was made by Liam, 2nd Kate, to approve this request. Vote was Kate and Liam – yes, no one for No, and Jeremy and Levar abstained. Not Approved.

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- XII. Budget Committee:** Levar's report: This committee to receive information from Town's People. Instead of a committee, dedicate a specific part of a meeting to the budget for more citizen input. Frequency: Maybe start in August, once a month. Add to the agenda starting in August.
- XIII. Cemetery Mowing:** Frank Keene explained about mowing problems they have had this year. Gravestone repair: 11 are done, more getting done. Mowing Budget – is there enough money – there should be.
- XIV. Health Officer:** Dog Issue – anything that need to go to the Health Officer please do via emails and phone calls. Keep this confidential and separate.
- XV. Treasurer:**
- a. Audit – Accrual vs Cash Basis: The auditor said she used the Modified Accrual method as it gives taxpayers a better view of things. This will not affect how future audits are done.
 - b. NEMRC Contract: There will be some increase in cost. If longer calls are made these will cost more. Motion was made by Levar, 2nd Jeremy, to approve the License and supporting contract with NEMRC. Approved.
- XVI. Transfer Station/Landfill:**
- a. Gate Repair: Jeremy spoke with Rick about this project. The town crew can do this project by digging up gate posts and resetting them. Probably in the fall.
 - b. Mowing of Closed Landfill: Paul Osgood has done this in the past for \$250. Board instructed Rick to contact Paul and get this done.
- XVII. Highway:**
- a. Mower Rental: Looking into maybe using Vershire's Mower for a week or 2. Have not heard back from TENCO about price of Rental yet – use for 2 weeks.
- XVIII. Bid Opening – FEMA Houses Documentation:** Following are the bids received:
Brian Knight - \$6320
Catherine Quinn – UVM - \$3245
Paula Sagerman - \$4198.62
Suzanne Jamele - \$5500
Motion was made by Levar, 2nd Kate to accept the bid from Catherine Quinn – UVM for \$3245. Approved.
- XIX. Administrative Assistant Report:**
- a. None
- XX. Executive Session: Abatement issue:** Motion was made by Levar, 2nd Jeremy, to enter into Executive Session to discuss an abatement issue at 8:54pm. Those requested to stay are Selectboard and Administrative Assistant. Motion was made by Jeremy, 2nd Levar to leave Executive Session at 9:07 pm. Approved. No Action was taken.
- XXI.**
- XXII. Approve Orders:** Motion was made by Levar, 2nd Jeremy to approve orders. Approved.
- XXIII. Adjourn:** Motion was made by Jeremy, 2nd Levar to adjourn at 9:13 pm. Approved.