

## Chelsea Select Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 7:00PM

Chelsea Town Hall or via ZOOM

*In Attendance: Jamie Blondin, Geoff Clayton, Levar Cole, Jeremy Hook, Kate MacLean, Marianne McCann*

- I. Call Meeting to order – 7pm Geoff
- II. Changes to the agenda
- III. Approve Selectboard Meeting minutes of 4 August, 12 August, 18 August 2020. **Will approve at the next meeting.**
- IV. Public Comments
  - a. Clarence Kennedy re: water/sewer and not being charged for when he is gone for the winter. An agreement was made back in 2014 with an approved seasonal rate and Selectboard decided not to charge for that upcoming ¼ of the year for water/sewer. There is a charge for shut off & turn on due to maintenance & because water is still at their house (save \$300-350/winter by not having it on).
    1. **Jamie will look back at Sally McCullough’s decision (last October) and put something in writing so there is a process and policy moving forward.**
  - b. Word is going around in the community that the contract changed midstream for the FEMA house demos and town is paying extra for the disposal of the trash. Jeremy has addressed this with a few people. The town is paying Meyers directly, but that is because it is saving money in taxes (could be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$15,000).
    1. **Jamie will communicate with the people who live around the demos and give them an idea of when they will be happening.**
  - c. 2 trees near town hall
    1. 1 tree dead (directly in front of town hall, Karen’s window) & another by the ramp and has dead branches that needs trimming.
    2. Talked to Pete Amber (\$550) to remove the tree and dead branches on the other.
    3. **Jamie will call Green Mountain Power company and get quote to see if they have any time to do so. Is a safety and liability issue.**
  - d. Taylor Katz and Misha Johnson – submitted opposition; Barack Hill tower site greatly affects their farm and future plans, aesthetic and environmental impact on town.
  - e. Marty Gratz – tree that has recently fallen on the bank of the First Branch of the White river that needs to be deal (across from her property where Jailbreak connects). Thinks it will be a flood hazard & tree belongs to Lucy but is not sure if it is a state or town issue. Per Marty, the state is not interested in removing tree for environmental purposes. May need permits for environmental purposes.
  - f. Marty Gratz – wants to propose painting the town garage a darker color & raising funds to do that. Selectboard member will talk to Rick over the next week or two and Marty is welcome to attend the meeting. Likely won’t happen immediately if the town is coming up with the money, but something we can consider in a future year when appropriate.
  - g. Safeline – pavement on VT Route 110 across from Brookhaven has a sizable hole in road, more like a depression. State issue to fix.
    1. **Kate will follow up with state at the White River Office, Trevor Starr.**
- V. Conflict of interest disclosure –

- VI. Approve Selectboard Meeting minutes – defer to next meeting (8/4, 8/12, & 8/18)
- VII. Wire on Old Town Garage –
- a. Rick says it can be taken down. **Will schedule when he can between projects.**
- VIII. Moxley Bridge Fines for Damage –
- a. Geoff suggested to issue Notice Against Trespass and next time it happens then future action will be taken. This basically says that those companies have been given direct notice not to trespass against the bridge. Give state police a copy so there are grounds if anything happens. Another place where a camera could be placed to confirm who is breaking the bridge. Typically, has been UPS/FedEx or commercial operations that are high enough to hit West side of bridge. Continuous problem over the years.
  - b. Email re: bridge work was not done properly but is not necessarily dangerous. Geoff and Jeremy went down to see the work in person. The metal plate to support the structure is bent up, stone left in river, underneath bridge is all a mess, nails & screws left around bridge. The steel plate was compromised by being bent the way it was bent, and the state engineer will be coming down to do the final check. **Board will talk to the company to clean up the mess left behind.** Jeremy wants to document & photograph the work, so we have a file in the future on the company (and any future companies we work with).
    1. Anything beyond state inspection?
      - a) Levar wants to know if we are comfortable relying on state inspection or should we get a second opinion?
      - b) What is long term opinion on integrity of engineering? How long will the plate last for?
      - c) Will wait for state inspection and then go from there.
      - d) **Contact John Weaver (3/31/2020) – Levar will look back in emails to get contact info and Jeremy can talk to him.**
- IX. Use of Village Greens Request
- a. School – 9/8/20 to 6/18/20
    1. **Kate will write to Mark to address concerns about public using the space, too.**
    2. Levar made a motion to approve the Chelsea School’s request for use of the Village Greens. Kate Seconds. All in favor.
  - b. Library – 9/19/20 with rain date 9/26/20
    1. Levar made a motion to approve the Library’s request for use of the Village Greens. Kate Seconds. All in favor.
  - c. Farmer’s Market - Sunday October 11 from 9am to 2pm
    1. Levar made a motion to approve the Farmer’s Market request for use of the Village Greens. Jeremy Seconds. All in favor.
- X. Roberts-Gould Field and Heath Field
- a. Request for fall baseball
    1. **Jamie will write a letter to include something around COVID & acknowledging the guidelines from town and state, and that the Health Officer would have to shut the games down if they don’t adhere to state regulations and we can revoke their right to use the fields. They also need to coordinate with the soccer schedules, stressing that scheduling for games are done in such a way where not everyone is showing up at the same time as the community is sharing concerns about people congregating.**
      - a) Levar made a motion to approve the Fall Baseball League’s request for use of the Roberts-Gould Field and Heath Field with the contingency they

coordinate with soccer and abide by state regs re: COVID. Jeremy Seconds.  
All in favor.

- XI. AT&T Cell Tower Locations –
  - a. Need to bring something to town for Town Meeting
    - 1. **Dickson was going to contact AT&T after last meeting, but there is a process to get answers and once we have something, we can set up meeting with the town to share options to decide upon location.**
- XII. Town Website Photo –
  - a. Town meeting booklet photo will be on website to keep consistency.
- XIII. Town Hall Heating System –
  - a. Talk to Phil & think about putting it on the budget to switch over the heating system.
- XIV. Long Term Planning for Emergency Supplies –
  - a. Still have masks & everything they need for OSHA equipment requirements
- XV. Budget discussion –
  - a. From Geoff's understanding, there is a noticeable difference from COVID, but not detrimental. People seem to be paying taxes currently and may need to borrow some.
- XVI. Police, community protection, and the search for official (in person) responses to 911 calls and Drugs
  - a. Do we have loitering ordinance? Send a Notice Against Trespass for those who are hanging out and if they break that then the police could enforce since they would have a copy of it, too.
  - b. **Will talk to Tracy for ideas around this.**
- XVII. Sidewalk Repair –
  - a. Along Section on VT 110 North
  - b. Town Hall Main entrance –
    - a. Rick – starting the projects next week and needs to rent a grinder for sidewalks.
- XVIII. Treasurer –
- XIX. Town Clerk –
  - a. Karen will be closing the front window & opening the office to the public by appointment only.
- XX. Highway –
  - a. There is \$100,000 in the reserve fund for paving which could be used to shim up East Randolph Road (Hook Road to Whitney) as there are no other uses for that money right now. Rick has quote and forward to Selectboard – estimate for \$102k & he told them they had to do better than that. Should be done sooner than later because it can't pave when it's cold so it needs to be done in week or two, so if they can do it in that time frame then they will schedule the work to be done.
- XXI. Cemetery mowing – Should we look into a VTC student intern – keep the budget the same? Offer time with the Highway crew so that the intern gets some heavy equipment experience? Would this work for Rick?
  - a. Insurance for those who mow?
  - b. Consider upping budget for Frank.

- c. **What would a reasonable rate be that people would charge so this is competitive and get people committed to doing it? Get quotes from places.**

XXII. Future talk

- a. Disaster preparedness
1. Think about things like generator, emergency supplies, etc. and discuss with Emergency Coordinator to consider things for upcoming budget.

XXIII. Appointments need filling:

- a. Fence Viewer – 3
- b. Pound Keeper – Residency not required
- c. CVSWMD Rep and Alternate
- d. Inspector/Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
- e. Town Service Officer
- f. **TAC Rep**

XXIV. Approve Orders

- a. Jeremy reviews & moves to approve orders. Kate seconds. All in favor.

XXV. Adjourn

- a. Jeremy moves to adjourn at 9:04pm. Levar seconds. All in favor.

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