

**Town of Chesterfield
Board of Selectmen**

**MINUTES
September 26, 2012**

Call to Order

Chairman Jon McKeon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Others in attendance were Board members Elaine Levlocke, Jim Larkin and Administrator Rick Carrier.

Appointments

➤ 6:30 Paul Saba

Saba was present to discuss his meeting with the Planning Board (PB) last week on September 17th. He was before the PB for a site plan review. Saba stated that Bob Del Sesto was not respectful to him and at times was screaming at him and also laughing at him. He felt insulted. Saba advised he has lived in town for 14 years.

Saba doesn't want to deal with him again on the PB. He stated that the other members of the PB were not acting the same way. He wants the Selectboard to judge Del Sesto's actions. Neither he nor anyone else should have to deal with this.

McKeon stated that he was at the meeting and was embarrassed by Del Sesto's behavior. McKeon also stated that Del Sesto is the most prepared and researched member on the PB but that doesn't give him an excuse for his behavior last week. McKeon stated he would be reluctant to lose him as a member of the PB. There will be more discussion this evening and there would be some corrective measure.

McKeon stated the PB is a 7 member board; members can share their opinion. Del Sesto is only 1 vote of the Board. His hope is the chair and vice chair would keep him in check. McKeon stated the Board values Saba's business in Town and hears his complaint and it will be dealt with in a way that is appropriate.

Saba stated he is just one person in Town but there are others who complain about Del Sesto. It is not fair. Saba is asking that it be dealt with fairly and respectfully. He stated he can't imagine going back to the PB with Del Sesto on the board. McKeon stated that when Saba comes back before the PB and Del Sesto is present he will not address Saba in the same manner.

Levlocke stated the Board will discuss this and make sure that people are treated with respect. Larkin stated he has experienced the same issue with Del Sesto years ago when he was doing his subdivision.

Saba thanked the Board and left the meeting.

McKeon stated that Del Sesto is the most researched person on the PB. He is very passionate and the manner he expresses his passion can be offensive. Levlocke asked why this wasn't dealt with at the PB meeting.

Larkin stated that whenever Del Sesto's name comes up it is with a negative context. Larkin stated his position would be to remove Del Sesto. McKeon stated he has never experienced an official complaint as Saba had done this evening.

The Board discussed how to proceed. Levlocke stated the PB should consider waiving fees when Saba goes back to the PB. McKeon suggested giving Del Sesto a reprimand. Larkin stated it is past that; it's been going on for 10 years.

The Board agreed McKeon will speak with Chesley to make sure that this would not be permitted.

For Signature

- Manifest #39
- Selectmen minutes – Sept 19th
- PSNH pole license
- Yield tax certification
- Yield tax warrant
- DRA MS-1
- Intent to Cut - Richter

For Discussion

- Budgets: Debt Service, ZBA, Forest Fires, Conservation Comm., Executive, Financial Admin, Code Enforcement, Elections/Town Clerk
 - Debt Service – down 5% due to principle and interest reduction for the Town Office building
 - ZBA – level funded
 - Forest Fires – level funded
 - Conservation Commission – down 2.7% due to reduction in contracted services
 - Executive – down 3.5% due to Supervisors of the Checklist only 1 election next year and in 2012 there are 4 elections. Computer Equipment and software line was reduced.
 - Financial – increase of .6%
 - Code Enforcement – down 7.2% due to the reduced hours necessary to handle the building permits due to the economy.
 - Elections/Town Clerk – down 6.9% as there will be only 1 election in 2013 as opposed to 4 in 2012.
 - Highway amended budget up 2.3% from 2012.

McKeon asked when the Town Clerk's town computer would be replaced. It is 10 years old. Carrier advised it is scheduled for replacement in 2013 or 2014. It was

noted there are 3 computers in the Town Clerk's office; 2 are owned by the State and the other one may be the State's too. That is what Carrier was told by Girs.

➤ Deputy Health Officer

Van Houten has stated that Dave Sheldon is interested in the Deputy Health Officer position for OEM; however, the job description is not adequate for the duties of the OEM Deputy Health Officer. The Board reviewed the job description. Carrier asked if it would be appropriate to have an OEM/Health Officer job description for the volunteer position. It would be noted that a stipend be paid for meetings outside of Town to offset the time and expenses. The Board agreed. Carrier will have a draft job description and email to the Board for review.

➤ Monthly meeting email

The Board reviewed the monthly email. McKeon wanted to add the Rapid Emergency Notification Telephone System (RENTS) information reminding people to register their unlisted and cell phone numbers for emergency notifications.

➤ Lake level history

Carrier had reviewed Selectmen minutes from the mid to late 1990's. The water level agreement seems to have been between Spofford Lake Assoc and the Spofford Fire Dept. He had no specifics. It has been requested that the drawdown of the lake starts earlier than Columbus Day giving Spofford Lake property owners time to repair walls by the lake.

Levlocke moves to lower the lake level 2 weeks prior to Columbus Day every 5 years starting in 2013 using the same drawdown elevation as is used during normal fall drawdown. Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

➤ Emergency Operations Plan

John Keppler had advised that he had been updating the local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Keppler is writing a letter with soft match funds information. The grant application deadline is looming. Levlocke asked if the Board could approve the EOP as a draft and changes could be made if necessary.

Levlocke moved to approve the EOP as a draft with the understanding that changes could be made. Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

➤ Pay scale comparisons

The Board had the pay scale comparisons for surrounding towns and will review them during the week. This was tabled until next meeting.

➤ Boards/Committee appointments

A list of expiring terms for board members was reviewed. It was noted that the process would be the Board representative would speak to that board's Chair about renewing the individual's term.

➤ Selectman project list

No updates were made.

➤ Old business

Committee membership - Levlocke asked if the surveys were still available from a couple of years ago when people had expressed interest in serving on committees. She will check her files.

➤ Other business

1. McKeon advised that the Kwader subdivision application was not heard due to a lack of a quorum on the PB.
2. McKeon advised the PB reviewed Cersosimo's gravel pit drawings and paperwork. They will be coming back to the Board in November.
3. McKeon advised he was contacted by Darrell Chase on Woodbury Rd to draw attention to the lack of maintenance on Woodbury Rd. McKeon could see his complaint. Chase's concern is that the road will get worse. Bevis had advised that Chase had redirected water. McKeon stated that may be, but the road needs to be maintained. Larkin will go to look at the road.

➤ Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Levlocke moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Larkin seconded the motion, which carried.

Levlocke moved to adjourn from nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Larkin seconded the motion, which carried.

➤ Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c)

Carrier left the meeting.

Levlocke moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c). Larkin seconded the motion, which carried.

Levlocke moved to adjourn from nonpublic session. Larkin seconded the motion, which carried.

Information

- Misc. correspondence & newsletters

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Levlocke moved to adjourn, Larkin seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ross
Secretary

Approved by:

Jon P McKeon, Chairperson

Date

Elaine H Levlocke

Date

James M Larkin

Date