

## Town of Chatham

November 10, 2015

Attendance: William Briggs, William Perry, Tricia Pitman, Jason Eastman, Wayne Infinger, Lincoln Garland, Ellie Eastman

The Board approved the meetings for the minutes to the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and the Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Ellie Eastman addressed the Board with concerns over the use of the school house. She suggested using the school house as the town office instead of building a new one. She was also concerned over the town having to maintain 3 buildings in the future. The Board explained that at this point they were moving forward with two options but if a group of residents was interested in a third option that the group could look into that option and create a warrant article of their own to be submitted into the town warrant.

Lincoln Garland addressed the Board with similar concerns. He suggested that the cost to build a new building is always higher than expected.

### Tabled Items and Old Business:

Beach sign and fireworks- Wayne Infinger is still working on both of these items.

Conservation Commission and Dues- Wayne Infinger is still working on this as well.

Building Locks- Wayne has the locks. Keys need to be made.

### New Business:

Bill Briggs will now be the Building Steward. He will be responsible for inspecting the town buildings and reporting to the Board if repairs need

to be made. He will get the keys made for the new locks and he will purchase the needed fire extinguishers for both buildings.

Keys- There will be five keys made. One for each selectmen, one for Bill Briggs and one for the Town Clerk. It will be up to the selectmen to determine who will be allowed to use the keys to enter the town buildings. It is expected that all keys be returned as soon as possible. Bill Perry will contact Barbara Eastman about the new key policy. He will also update her on the use of the school house and possible changes that may occur.

Road Agent Report-

Vermont Recreation installed guard rails on Barnes Road. The cost was \$3,700.

There are two new stop signs in town. They were put up by the state. Bill worked on drainage on Butter Hill Road.

Bill added more gravel to Deer Hill Road, Butter Hill Road, and Barnes Road.

Bill may replace the guard rails on Butter Hill Road with wooden rails.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Mail was opened.

Several letters from Bergeron were received.

The Dept. of Interior informed the board that the PILT would be \$56,898.

Snowmobile Trail- The snowmobile club asked if they could trim the trail that is on town property next to the cemetery in Center Chatham. The Board agreed to allow the club to trim the trail.

Province Brook Property- Bill Perry contacted Sue Laskin to find out if there had been any interest on the property that the town is trying to sell. She said that there had been some interest online but that no one had approached her about purchasing it. She suggested dropping the price to 30,000. The Board opted to keep the sale price at 35,000.

Rod Wood Proposal- All members of the Board have been emailed the new contract proposal. They have been asked to read it prior to next meeting.

Budget Committee- Tom Dewhurst's office has written a letter stating that the budget committee for the town of Chatham is an advisory budget committee. The DRA was contacted by Bill Perry and the DRA stated that they consider the budget committee to be an official budget committee. Bill is going to research this further with the help of the DRA. Michelle Clark will also help the Board construct the two warrant articles needed for the town warrant for building a new town office or a new town hall.

Jason Eastman updated the Board on information that he has gathered about heating the current town hall on Election Day. He will now get a written proposal for the Board to consider.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Pitman