

## Town of Chatham

August 4, 2015

Attendance: Christine Frost (North Country Council), Wayne Infinger, Lisa Lewis, Ellie Eastman, William Briggs, William Perry, Tricia Pitman, Jason Eastman, Mel Cherry, Bonnie Arbogast

Reviewed and approved minutes to July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Guest Speaker

Christina Frost (NCC) met with the Board to explain how the NCC might be able to help with the building project. The Board was interested in finding funding options that the Town might be able to tap into to help pay for the project. Christina said that she would be able to help the town apply for grants. She is going to make a list of possible grants to apply for and list the deadlines to apply for the grants.

### Tabled items and Old Business

Fireworks/RSA/Sign:

Wayne Infinger reported that he had looked into whether or not the Board could place a sign at the town beach and according to RSA 41:11a the Board has the right to manage town property. The Board voted to have a sign made that would ban fireworks and overnight camping. It would also ask that all trash be removed when leaving the beach.

Intent to cut for Robbie Drew:

Mr. Drew has paid the first timber tax for the wood harvested in South Chatham. He has also prepaid for the next timber tax for the wood being harvested now.

Town Building use policy discussion:

The Board had begun a discussion of putting a policy in place for use of town buildings/property. The Board members are going to look at sample policies and discuss this at a future meeting.

### Road Agent Report/Recap

Bill Briggs reported that gravel had been put on several town roads and that he had cut the slope by some of the culverts. The Board inquired as to how much of

the highway budget had been spent. The amount spent is close to \$40,000 out of the \$70,000 budget.

### New Business

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

The Board opened and reviewed mail which included:

E911 maps and cds arrived. The paper maps will be stored at the town house. The cds will be kept at the town office.

Mt. Washington Valley requested an updated list of town officials.

Mr. Simmons sent in a draft of financial records. Records will be given to Rod Wood.

Eastern Slope Airport invited the Board to attend a meeting.

The Board signed Oath of Office for myself to be sent to Election net.

Timber Tax Warrant for Richard Ray was signed.

The Board reviewed proposals for Province Brook Property.

4 proposals were reviewed.

Lee Ann O'Hara- Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

Jim Pitman- Coldwell Banker

Matthew Perry- Exit

Susie Laskin- JT Realty.

The Board choose Susie Laskin- JT Realty. The Board will request a short term listing of 6 months. Bill Perry will contact her tomorrow to get things going. All other proposals will be kept on file.

Town Building Update and Plans.

The Board reviewed the current plans that had been slightly changed to include two windows on the front of the building and a wider hallway. On August 17 the Building Committee will meet to discuss siding, roofing, and heating options. On August 31 the Building Committee will meet to put a package together to send out to contractors for possible bids on the project.

Lisa Lewis the head of the Budget Committee will become more involved in the process from this point forward.

Northway Bank will probably be the lending institution that the Board will use to acquire the necessary funding for the project. The Bank suggested meeting in January to begin to get things in place.

Mel Cherry addressed the Board. He stressed to the Board that he felt that there were several things that could be fixed at the current town hall that would make it usable. He also stated that he wished to make a formal complaint that the Board is allowing the Historical Society and the Chatham Private Library to use a building that is not in compliance and that they should no longer be allowed to use the School House.

Wayne Infinger is still working on a letter that will be sent to all residents of the town explaining what is currently happening with the building project.

Bill Perry is going to have Alpine Web contact me to set up the town's email account so that I can access it at the town office.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Pitman