

## Town of Chatham

June 7, 2016

Attendance: William Perry, Wayne Infinger, Bill Briggs, Jason Eastman, Tricia Pitman, Pat Lattiere, Jacob Lattiere, Mel Cherry, Bonnie Arbogast, Lisa Lewis, Ellie Eastman, Diane Thuot, Maryann Eastman, Barbara Eastman, Sue Crowley, Lucas Limmer, Trevor Limmer, Jeff Allen, Mary Jo Allen, Justin Fisher

Meeting called to order.

Wayne Infinger made a motion to accept the minutes of the last board meeting, Jason Eastman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old business- none

Road Agent Report- none

New business-

Signed Vouchers.

A report of insurance expenditures was given to Wayne Infinger. An Oath of Office was signed for myself to be forwarded to the Secretary of State's office.

The DOT requested that maps be returned to them. The Board does not recall receiving the maps so will request new maps be sent.

Timber Tax Warrant was signed for timber cut by Robert Drew.

Mail from Primax was given to Wayne Infinger to review.

Current Use Application from James Diegoli was reviewed and approved.

Justin Fisher- Request to park cars on town property-

Bill Perry read letter from Peter Malia. Peter Malia advised the Board against allowing cars to be parked on town property (see

letter for details). All supporting services have been informed of this event. This includes Carroll County Sheriff, State Police, Forest Service, Fryeburg Rescue, and Saco Valley Fire. Wayne Infinger explained that the Board could not stop Mr. Fisher from holding a concert on his property because there is not a policy in place at this time to regulate events. He also explained that there are 28 different areas that need to be addressed when setting policies to regulate use of town property and regulating events but that the Board would have to hold a public hearing prior to putting such a policy into place.

Pat Lettiere addressed the Board. He was concerned about safety issues and felt that the Board had the authority to set a precedent not to allow the concert to take place if they wanted to.

Trevor Limmer asked the Board about liability if something happens on the road next to his property to someone. The Board stated that Mr. Limmer would not be liable. It was stated that people could make improvements to the road but not degrade it in any way. It was also stated that people could put up no parking signs if they wished to.

Jeff Allen inquired about public accommodations and camp sites.

This is regulated by the State.

Wayne Infinger stated that within three months the Board would have a comprehensive policy in place to regulate the use of town property and events within the town. In the meantime there is to be no parking on town property for this event. Wayne Infinger made a motion that all town property be posted with no parking signs, Jason Eastman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Bill Briggs will pick up and post the signs that state no parking, violators will be towed at own expense.

Insurance-

Property Liability Trust had been insuring the town. PLT is now going out of business. Wayne Infinger has been looking into getting the town insurance through Primex. The town spent about \$5,000.00 for insurance in 2015. Primex has proposed insuring the town for \$2000.00 or less. This will be of considerable savings to the town.

Jason Eastman made a motion to order and bind insurance through Primex. Bill Perry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### Gate on Toad Hill Road-

A gate has been placed on Toad Hill Road by the Forest Service. Bill Perry explain briefly the current situation and the history of there being a gate on Langdon Brook Road but not Toad Hill Road. The gate on the Langdon Brook Road has been locked during mud season to protect the road. Bill also read a memorandum from the Forest Service to Peter Malia (see memorandum for details).

At this time the gates are open and will remain open until the town officials can meet with the Forest Service.

The town may need to get taped depositions from people that traveled the road in the 1970's and 1980's.

#### School House-

The Board hired HEB Engineering to inspect the school house to determine what condition the school house is in and to make sure that it is safe to be use. Wayne Infinger met with John McDougal. Mr. McDougal inspected the building, took pictures and measurements. He reported back to Wayne that a library should have 150 lbs. per square foot of support but the school house only has 27lbs. to 10 lbs. of support depending where you are in the building. The floor is overloaded and he recommended that a support beam with posts be put in as soon as possible.

Wayne recommended closing the building until the support beam could be put into place.

Barbara Eastman commented that the wall had been separated for as long as she could remember. She said that she had been planning to weed out some of the books this summer.

Barbara stated that the Library had bylaws from 1912 and that it is a private library.

Sue Crowley stated that the Historical Society had 501C paperwork and she could get a copy of it to the Board.

Wayne Infinger made a motion to lock and post the building closed per order of the Selectmen. Jason Eastman seconded and all were in favor.

The Board will find someone to put the support beam in place as soon as possible. Bill Perry will check with David Emery tomorrow to see if he can do this.

Town House proposal-

David Emery submitted a proposal to the Board. The total cost of the proposal was for \$77,238. This is more than the Board has to spend at this time. They are going to hold off on the following:

Demolition- 24,900

Electrical- 1,200

Paint-1,500

The total for the work to be done would now be \$52,738.

Wayne Infinger was concerned about getting the work done prior to the next election. He was also concerned about whether or not Mr. Emery would have the appropriate liability insurance.

Bill Perry made a motion to hire Mr. Emery to complete the project as long as Mr. Emery had the correct insurance and could complete the project by August 20. They would spend up to \$52,500 on the project. Jason Eastman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Bonnie Arbogast submitted a letter to the Board. The letter was addressed by the Board. Ms. Arbogast was given a copy of the letter from Tom Dewhurst that she requested. It was then explained to her that the meeting that she questioned about was not a Board meeting. Gene Chandler was at the town office addressing residents. He was there in support of Kelley Ayotte's office. Bill Perry had been there to give him information that he had requested in regards to the gate that was put up on Toad Hill Road. Ellie Eastman had been there and had discussed the Special Education Budget for the town with him.

Mel Cherry submitted a letter to the Board. The letter was addressed by the Board. Mr. Cherry wanted to know how much money had been spent on the town buildings. I was directed to forward the quick book's report to him. Mr. Cherry was also concerned about whether or not there would be a police presence in town on the day of the concert being held on Mr. Fisher's property. The Board has informed the Sherriff's office of the concert and the Sherriff's office is supposed to have someone in the area. Mark Pitman will also be asked to check to see if there are cars being parked on town property. Mr. Cherry had not received his intent to cut paperwork from the State. I had already mailed it to the state along with the intent to cut for Lucas and Trevor Limmer. I will resend the intents and sent a copy to each of them.

In the future, copies will be mailed to landowners after intents are signed.

10 minute comment-

Lisa Lewis inquired as to whether or not the state regulated the amount of people that could be in one place. Bill Perry said that there weren't any state regulations.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Pitman