

Town of Chatham

September 7, 2017

Attendance: Jason Eastman, Micah Voter, Wayne Infinger, Patricia Pitman, Bill Briggs, Doug MacPherson, Sue Crowley, and Lisa Lewis

Meeting called to order.

Minutes for August were accepted as written.

There are two parcels of property in Chatham that were to be taken by tax deed for failure to pay property taxes. (Map 2 Lot 45-2 and Map 5 Lot 26) The Board of Selectmen chose not to accept the tax deeds at this time and will try to reach an agreement with the property owners where they agree to pay the 2014 taxes in full within 30 days. If the taxes are not paid in full the Board will accept the tax deed from the tax collector.

The Board signed the MS-1 extension form.

The Board was notified that Rod Wood would be in the area assessing properties

The Board signed a timber warrant (Alan Lounsbury).

The Board was informed that Drew Corp. paid their timber tax in full.

The Board received a purchase and sales agreement. The property located on Province Brook rd. will sell for full price.

The Highway Block funds for next year will be \$14,003.47.

The town may have received additional Highway Block funds this year.

The Board will check with Jeanne Eastman to see if the Board had received additional funds and if so how much.

The Board received notification that John Accardi will be the district ranger until a replacement is found.

The Board received dates for meetings to be held on the 10 year highway plan. This will be mailed to Frank Eastman.

The Worker's Comp. poster was signed by Wayne Infinger.
The Vouchers were signed.

Wayne Infinger clarified 3 issues that have been on the agenda for a while now.

1. The town owns the property located just south of where the town house currently sits. The town purchased the property in 1886 and paid \$15 dollars for it. Hastings Malia did an abstract title search and sent a letter stating that the town of Chatham owns the property. Hastings Malia also sent a letter stating that there wasn't a state law that rules that property revert back to land owners if the land was no longer being used for a specific purpose.
2. Egress from new town office- Wayne Infinger had met with Shawn Bergeron. He had a letter from his office stating the following: When the addition portion of the building is removed, and reconstructed to become the Town Clerk's Office the exit that discharges to this space and out through an exterior exit door is required to be reconstructed as well and may be used as the main entrance to the Town Clerk's Office. In accordance with the State of NH Building Code (2009 edition of the IEBC) and the 2010 ADA standards the newly constructed entrance/exit door to the Town Clerk's Office is not required to be accessible, as existing buildings are not required to alter other entrances/exits to be accessible where one already exists. However, the accessible entrance shall remain open and available while the Town Clerk's Office is open and the path of travel from the accessible entrance through the

meeting room into the Town Clerk's Office and throughout the addition is required to be accessible.

3. Two bathrooms- Wayne Infinger had a letter from Ronald Anstey stating that "As long as the occupant load of the building does not exceed 95 people, one unisex toilet is sufficient.

Frank Eastman had asked to speak to the Board concerning the petition that he had brought to their attention a few months back. He stated that he had met with the Highway Commissioner. She had accompanied Frank for a drive from Langdon Brook up through to the Basin. She suggested having the Board write a letter of support for the highway to be rebuilt. It has not been rebuilt for 70 years. Wayne Infinger stated that he will draft the letter for the Board to review.

The School District will be able to return 260,000 to the town.

The Veteran's monument has not been moved yet. Robbie Drew is going to make the new parking lot and move the monument. He had to wait until the land dispute was settled.

Jason Eastman updated the Board on the dead pine tree across from the Town House. He looked into it and found out that Eversource looked at it on Aug. 31 and it was added to the ticket tree list.

The Board must now consider where the well should be put. Ronnie Briggs will help the Board decide. Jason Eastman will look into having the well drilled this fall if possible.

Public:

Jerry Bushee is willing to trim the trees on the Parsonage lot for under \$800 dollars. The Board approved having the trees trimmed. Doug MacPherson will contact Jerry Bushee and let him know.

Lisa Lewis questioned if the Board wanted the pine tree trimmed. The Board responded that they do want it trimmed.

The Historical Society wanted to know if it is ok to bring some of the remaining books in the library out for people to take at the town picnic. The Board gave permission.

The Historical Society also wanted to know if they could use the town hall during the memorial dedication in November if it is cold out. The Board gave permission.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pitman