

## Town of Chatham

November 9, 2017

Attendance: Wayne Infinger, Jason Eastman, Micah Voter, Tricia Pitman, William Briggs, Sue Crowley, Doug MacPherson, Bill Briggs, Ron Briggs, Judy Bailey, Jeanne Eastman, Steve Eastman and Emily Fernald

Meeting called to order.

Minutes for October 2017 were accepted as written.

Mail:

Intent to cut wood was signed for Marc Greaney / William Pevear  
The abatement that was approved at the last board meeting was signed.

Barbara Eastman had asked that I ask the Board if they would be interested in having a book shelf that is currently in the school house. The Board said that the book shelf could be left there.

The Board was informed that there were recently two applications for assistance approved in the town. We are now over budget by \$940.00 in that line item.

Historical Society:

The Historical Society informed the Board that the books are now out of the school house. They requested that they be allowed back into the school house to reorganize their collection and to hold meetings. The Historical Society also offered to pay for the heat and electric. The Board approved this as long as the meetings were not opened to the public.

The Historical Society then inquired about pursuing buying the school house from the town and leasing the land. The Board suggested collecting signatures, drafting a warrant article, and bring it before the town at town meeting. It was also discussed that there could be other options such as: The town using the bottom of the school house for

storage and the Historical Society using the top. The town selling a piece of land to the Historical Society and the Historical Society building a building that would suit their needs on it.

It was suggested that the Historical Society look into more than one option. The Historical Society will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November and discuss various options with their members.

Ron Briggs mentioned that some people in town have expressed interest in a community building and he felt that this should be kept in mind while planning.

Judy Bailey commented that having the Historical Society use the school house added value to where the meetings would take place because the school house is a historic building.

The Historical Society then asked permission to have a bonfire in January. The Board approved this request.

The Board will have to meet with Mr. Malia and determine how much of the money that they received from the sale of the property on Province Brook they may keep.

Town Beach:

Ron Briggs recommended to the Board that a new sign be made for the town beach. He suggested that the new sign avoid language about the boat launch. He feels that the sign should read "Chatham Town Beach, Residence and Guests Only, Per Order of the Selectmen". It was also suggested that the parking being limited to two spaces.

Town House Project:

The septic has been approved for the town house. Ron Briggs informed the Board that the well will have to be on the back side of the ditch.

The town is on a waiting list to have the well dug.

The gas tanks will be moved to the back side of the town house.

The Citizen's Advisory group is looking for guidance from the Board as to what to discuss next at their meetings. The Board will get back to them with some suggestions.

Bill Briggs discussed having no parking signs put at the town beach turn around, the end of Barnes Road, Little Chatham Road and on Toad Hill Road. The Board would like Alan Eastman to be at the next meeting if possible.

The Board voted to give Dan Bacon the authority to work with the people that maintain our website. He will have them create email addresses for all necessary officials in the town.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Pitman