

Town of Chatham

August 4, 2016

Attendance: William Perry, Wayne Infinger, Bill Briggs, Jason Eastman, Tricia Pitman, Jim Innis, Greg Young, Barbara Eastman, Emily Fernald, Steve Eastman, Jeanne Eastman, Doug MacPherson

Meeting called to order.

Minutes for July 7, 2016 were amended. Jason Eastman made a motion to accept the minutes with amendment, Wayne Infinger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jim Innis and Greg Young (WMNF) addressed the Board first. Jim explained that he had gated Toad Hill Road because there were two snowmobile bridges that were being driven over and that he had felt that the bridges were unsafe. He believed that the road belonged to the Forest Service. He met with Bill Perry and Peter Malia on July 18, 2016 to discuss the ownership of the road. Peter Malia sent the Board a recap of the meeting which was then read. It has been determined that a portion of Toad Hill Road does belong to the Forest Service. Barbara Eastman questioned gating the road in case of fire. It was stated that the locks would be cut. Jason Eastman questioned the Town's liability. Bill Perry said that the Town is now less liable. Greg Young went over a map indicating where the Forest Service roads were in Chatham.

School House-

Wayne Infinger met with HEB Engineers at the school house. The engineer took measurements to see if the new beam helped the stress level. The north side of the building now has the needed amount of support but the floor joists are still in question and the south side of the building is still not supported enough. The

engineer stated that in order to get a better look at the floor joists the sheetrock would have to be removed. It would cost \$2,500 to do this. At this time the school house will have to remain closed. Barbara Eastman stated that she would need to be allowed into the school house to use the copier. It was suggested that the copier be moved to another location. Steve and Jeanne Eastman said that they would help Barbara move the copier to her house. Wayne Infinger stated that it was the Boards responsibility to protect the buildings. He stated that he feels that the Historical Society is more important than the Library. He also feels that the town does not need the building. Barbara Eastman explained that the Library was started in 1912 by Chatham and Stow. In 1967 the Garden Club was in charge of the Library. Maryann Eastman is currently involved with the Library. Barbara asked if lessening the load of books would help. She also asked how much would have to be removed. Bill Perry also stated that the town does not need the building agreeing with Wayne Infinger. Emily Fernald asked if and when the Library was given permission to use the school house. Barbara Eastman thought that in 1971 or 1972 the books were moved into the school house and that it was a verbal agreement. Bill Perry made a motion to have the school house remain closed and to hold a hearing in the near future to discuss what to do with the school house. The motion was seconded by Wayne Infinger, all were in favor. Jeanne Eastman asked for clarification as to how the lease would work if the Historical Society were to buy the building and lease the land. The Board told her that there were many different ways that a deal could be worked out. Wayne Infinger is going to call HEB Engineering to see if the books could be removed from the building without the risk of the building collapsing.

Vouchers were signed.

WMNF paperwork was signed and will be returned to the State.

Jen Zulker sent the Board a current list of all Planning Board members. She indicated on the paperwork that Linda Cooper does not want to be reappointed when her term is up.

The Board discussed Ballot Clerks (Inspectors of Elections)- The Board had received notification that if the two major parties did not appoint Inspectors of Elections then the responsibility would fall to the Board of Selectmen. Bill Perry will contact the Secretary of State's office and ask if we need to have Ballot Clerks.

Position of Trustee of the Trust Fund-

Willard Lebroke passed away during the month of July. The Board will need to fill his position for the remainder of his term. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Road Agent- Bill Briggs is planning to do some work on Butter Hill Road.

Town House Project- Bill Perry explained that he thought there was \$58,209.28 in the capital reserve building fund. There were two bills that were paid out of the fund earlier in the year for work done in 2015. \$2,295 was spent on the heater. This amount should have been taken out of the equipment fund. \$169.00 for fire extinguishers. This amount should also have been taken out of the equipment fund. Bill Perry will let Bob Crowley know of these changes and the money will be transferred from the equipment fund to the building fund.

The Board received a bill from Gonyo Electric for disconnecting the electricity. They also received an estimate of what it would cost to reconnect the power (\$380.00) A motion was made by

Bill Perry to have Gonyo Electric reconnect the power to the town house, Wayne Infinger seconded the motion, all were in favor.

The Board received a bill from David Emery detailing the work done at the town house. The bill was for \$55,213. The original proposal was for \$52,500. The Board had already paid David Emery \$48,000. There is a remainder of \$7,213. The Board voted to pay the remainder from the building fund which will leave \$1,898.94 in the building fund.

Bill Perry is going to check with Jennifer Charles as to whether or not she can provide a handicap assessable portable toilet for the town house. This will be paid for from the equipment fund. Wayne Infinger made a motion to get a portable toilet for the town house, Jason Eastman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Doug MacPherson was asked if he had any questions about the budget setting process. At the last meeting he had asked to be put on this month's agenda. He said that he understood the process and briefly explained what the process is.

Jason Eastman is going to contact Frank Eastman about mowing the lawn around the school house.

Bill Perry is going to contact Bob Crowley about who is supposed to be mowing the cemetery.

Bill Briggs has been asked to put caution tape around the bean hole.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:41 pm.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pitman