



SPECIAL MEETING
May 22, 2024
Selectboard
6:00 PM
Chelsea Town Office

Board Present: Chair Michael Pushard and Selectboard member Jacob Soucy and Town Manager Christine Landes

Board Absent: Vice-chair Jason Mills

I. Call Meeting to Order | Pledge of Allegiance

Action: Chair Pushard called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

III. Public Hearing

Action: Chair Pushard called the Public Hearing to order at 6:05 p.m.

a. Proposed FY2025 Budget (with Budget Committee several budget committee members were present)

Chair Pushard asked if there were any comments regarding the proposed budget. He explained that one of the items that had been removed from the budget due to proposed increases from the school and county budget. He explained that the board felt that it was in the best interests of the town. He explained that if the request was strong enough it could be placed back on the town meeting warrant as a separate article to allow the people to decide. The Kennebec County Sheriff was present and explained how the program works for coverage in the town. He also provided stats for the past period (349 stops, 303 warnings, 34 summons, 4 arrests, 238 speeders, an OUI, a seatbelt violation, a crash, a stolen car and various tidbits of intel. and detailed the new expense requirements that have been placed on the

department. One resident asked about response time if the town chose not to elect coverage. The sheriff stated that there could be a quick response time or a longer response time depending on where the deputy is located when the call comes in. He reminded the audience that Chelsea will always be protected but this service is above and beyond that coverage to focus on areas that the town sees as issues. \$55 an hour is paid to the deputy and the remainder charges to the town go to cover vehicle costs and FICA, etc. The majority of members asked for it to be placed on the warrant as a separate article. Selectboard member Soucy voiced his concerns regarding coverage and the lack of addressing drug coverage. Chair Pushard will have the Town Manager reach out to Vice-chair Mills to determine his opinion on placing that item on the warrant.

b. Proposed Town of Chelsea Land Use Ordinance

Planning Board Chair Alexander was present to detail the proposed changes to the land use ordinance that will be placed on the annual town meeting agenda seeking approval. The CEO was asked if he was comfortable with the proposed changes. These proposed changes will satisfy the new state requirements being imposed on local ordinances.

Action: Chair Pushard closed both public hearings at 6:41 p.m.

IV. New Business

a. Recommendation from Road Commissioner for Paving Bid

The Road Commissioner asked for this item to be removed from the agenda due to still evaluating the proposed bids.

b. Recommendation from Road Commissioner for Ditching Bid

The Road Commissioner asked for this item to be removed from the agenda due to still evaluating the proposed bids.

V. Executive Session

a. Pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Contract Renewal Negotiations with the Town Manager

Due to an absent board member, the board chose to remove this from the agenda.

VI. Adjournment

Action: Chair Pushard motioned to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Selectboard member Soucy seconded. No discussion. 2-0-0.

The board adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

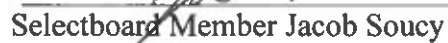
Respectfully submitted:



Christine M. Landes, Town Manager


Chair Michael Pushard


~~Vice chair Jason Mills~~ Sheri Truman


~~Selectboard Member~~ Jacob Soucy

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Sally Lester, Town Clerk