

# Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025



## Selectboard of Chelsea Maine Regular Meeting Agenda January 15, 2025 6:00PM Chelsea Town Office

Board Present: Chair Mike Pushard, Vice-Chair Jake Soucy, Selectboard Member Sheri Truman and Town Manager Christine Landes

### **I. Call Meeting to Order | Pledge of Allegiance**

**Action:** Chair Pushard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda**

None

### **III. Public Hearing**

None

### **IV. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**V. Approval Consent Agenda Items**

- A. A/P Warrant #20 in the amount of **\$66,863.87**
- B. A/P Warrant #21 in the amount of **\$7,200.00**
- C. A/P Warrant #22 in the amount of **\$316,793.06**
- D. Payroll Warrant Week #52 in the amount of **\$19,343.64**
- E. Payroll Warrant Week #53 in the amount of **\$3,805.50**
- F. Payroll Warrant Week #02 in the amount of **\$5,158.89**
- G. Payroll Warrant Week #03 in the amount of **\$4,168.19**
- H. Minutes of September 11, 2024
- I. Minutes of December 18, 2024

**Action:** Chair Pushard motioned to approve item A and C-I as read. Vice-Chair Soucy seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

**Action:** Chair Pushard motioned to approve item B as read. Selectboard Member Truman seconded. No discussion. 2-1-0

**VI. Scheduled Items**

A. New Business:

1. Meet with New Assessors Agent | James and Joe Murphy

Joe Murphy introduced himself. He will be in the office every Tuesday.

2. Discussion Concerning 10 Searls Mills Road | 80K

CEO Lumbert gave an update, no real progress has been made. Olin Charette is currently out of state. CEO Lumbert will reach out so a plan can be made.

3. Discussion Concerning Procurement Policy for FEMA Funds  
Town Manager to gather more information.

4. Discussion and Consideration of New Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Payroll Tax

New tax went into effect. Currently the employee pays half and the employer pays half.

**Action:** Chair Pushard motioned to continue as is. Selectboard Member Truman seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

5. Review and Possibly Approve Proposed FY2026 Budget Schedule

**Action:** Chair Pushard motioned to approve the proposed FY2026 Budget Schedule. Selectboard Member Truman seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

6. RSU #12 School Board Candidate | Scott Grady

**Action:** Chair Pushard motioned to approve Scott Grady for RSU#12 School Board. Selectboard Member Truman seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

B. Old Business

1. NONE

**VII. Legal**

A. NONE

**VIII. Written Communication**

A. Town Manager Report

We are entering the budget season for FY2026. Residents have been encouraged to volunteer to be on the budget committee. We have had one interested party to date. Met with the Fire Department last week so that the open connection can continue on a positive basis between the office and the department. The office held a staff meeting and several items were reviewed. The clerk continues to work on the incoming voter list for the November election.

- B. Town Office Report
- C. Code Enforcement Report
- D. Animal Control Report

**IX. Verbal Communication**

- A. SVRSU #12 School Board
- B. Boards and Committees

Dot Grady gave an update for Age-Friendly Chelsea and the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Committee. Age-Friendly Chelsea's monthly luncheons will be held at the town office during the months of January, February and March. The 175<sup>th</sup> continues to fundraise. The current fundraisers are the bottle bin collection and the Cabin Fever Reliever Battle of the Bands.

- C. Municipal Officers/Assessors Comments and Concerns

Vice-Chair Soucy asked about the status of a tree leaning over the Townhouse Road. Town Manager Landes will ask the Fire Department to remove it.

**X. Executive Session**

**XI. Adjournment**

**Action:** Chair Pushard motioned to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dorothy L. Grady, Office Clerk

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Chair Michael Pushard

  
Vice-Chair Jacob Soucy

  
Selectboard Member Sheri Truman

A true copy attest:

  
Sally Lester, Town Clerk