



**Chelsea Selectboard
Regular Selectboard Meeting
June 17, 2026
6:00 PM
Chelsea Town Office**

Board Present: Chair Sheri Truman, Vice-Chair Jacob Soucy, Selectboard Member Michael Pushard, Town Manager Christine Landes, and Student Selectboard Member Lailah Sher

Public Present: Dot Grady, Scott Grady, Fletcher Atkinson, Mike Lemelin, Steve MacDonald, Henry Truman, Sarosh Sher, Deputy McCaslin, Deputy York, Heather Casoria, Jay Casoria, Maria Jacques, Tim Willett, Wendy Willett, Greg Lumbert, Molly Alexander, Shawn Ramage, Sandra Devaney, Sammie Peaslee, Dan Lambert

I. Open the Meeting | Pledge of Allegiance

Action: Chair Truman call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

NONE

III. Update from Kennebec County Sheriff's Office

Deputy McCaslin reported that during the month there were 11 details conducted, resulting in 67 traffic stops and 7 citations. He also noted that the issue involving an individual parking in the Chelsea Heights Cemetery and residing near the water tower has been resolved. Additionally, Deputy McCaslin informed the Board that

two college students would be conducting a door-to-door survey on behalf of Central Maine Power in the area. He stated that the students would be wearing identification badges and safety vests, and that their credentials had been verified. The Selectboard requested that the Town Office share this information on the Town's social media platforms to help inform residents.

IV. Public Hearing

Action: Vice-Chair Soucy opened the hearing at 6:04 p.m.

- A. Junkyard: Five Star Salvage | Henry Truman | 48 Truman Drive
Map 1 Lot 101

No Public Comment

Action: Vice-Chair Soucy closed the hearing at 6:06 p.m.

V. Adjustments to the Agenda

New Business, Item 7, add Fire Chief to the Certify Return Results from June 9, 2026 Election

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. A/P Warrant #35 in the amount of \$27,065.76
- B. A/P Warrant #37 in the amount of \$327,298.59
- C. A/P Warrant #38 in the amount of \$8,400.00
- D. Payroll Warrant Week #20 in the amount of \$6,114.10
- E. Payroll Warrant Week #21 in the amount of \$6,866.95
- F. Payroll Warrant Week #22 in the amount of \$5,238.42
- G. Payroll Warrant Week #23 in the amount of \$4,292.94
- H. Payroll Warrant Week # in the amount of \$5,276.55
- I. Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Meeting
- J. Minutes of the May 20, 2026 Special Meeting

Action: Vice-Chair Soucy motioned to approve Items A-J as written. Selectboard Member Pushard seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

VI. Scheduled Items

A. New Business:

1. Follow-up to Selectboard Seat Campaign Issues/Comments

A discussion ensued regarding comments published in recent newspaper articles, as well as statements that had reportedly been made to residents. Board members shared their perspectives and discussed the importance of ensuring accurate information is communicated to the public.

2. Student Representative Interest Statement | Lailah Sher

The Board appointed and welcomed Lailah Sher as the first Student Selectboard Member.

3. Request for Items on Agenda | Naming the Person

The Board discussed including the name of the individual requesting an item to be placed on the Selectboard agenda. The Board agreed that the requester's name may be included in future agendas.

4. Discuss and Consider Approval of Junkyard Permit | Five Star Salvage | Henry Truman | 48 Truman Drive | Map 1 Lot 101

Action: Vice-Chair Soucy motioned to approve Junkyard Permit for Five Star Salvage. Selectboard Member Pushard seconded. No discussion. 2-0-1

5. Consider Ballot | Vote for Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee Nomination

No action taken

6. Consider Appointments of Planning Board Members | Gorneau, Rachel; Temple, Kathryn; Bennett, John M. III

Action: Chair Truman motioned to approve one-year appointments of Planning Board Members Gorneau, Rachel; Temple, Kathryn; Bennett, John M. III. Vice-Chair Soucy seconded. 3-0-0

7. Certify Return of Results from June 9, 2026 Election

Action: Chair Truman motioned to certify the State, Municipal & Chelsea Fire Department Return of Results for the June 9, 2026 Election. Selectboard Member Pushard seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

8. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair of the Selectboard for FY2027
Effective 7/1/2026

Action: Selectboard Member Pushard motioned to keep the Chair and Vice-Chair as is. Chair Truman seconded. No discussion. 2-1-0

9. Discussion Surrounding Hiring a Road Commissioner

Revisit in July 2026

B. Old Business:

1. Two Week Meeting Schedule (confirm date for July 2027 Meeting)

The Board decided to adopt an every other Wednesday meeting schedule for the Months of August, September and October 2026

2. Status Update from CEO Lumbert | 10 Searls Mill Road

Action: Chair Truman motioned to start 80K Action. Vice-Chair Soucy seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

3. Property Clean-up Update:

- a. 20 Birch Street | Walter Ames, Jr.
- b. 15 Quail Run | George Moody
- c. 51 Collins Road | Eugene McArthur, Sr.

Action: Chair Truman motioned to give homeowners of 20 Birch Street, 15 Quail Run and 51 Collins Road a 30 notice to become compliant or the town will have the properties cleaned.

VII. Legal

- A. NONE

VIII. Written Communication

- A. Town Manager Report
- B. Town Office Report
- C. Code Enforcement Report
- D. Animal Control Report
- E. Fire Chief Report
- F. SVRSU #12 School Board

IX. Verbal Communication

- A. Boards and Committees

Kick Off to Summer BBQ was a success. About 200 in attendance, all had a great time. We raised 680.40 on the Road Toll Fundraiser, 219.00 on the Dunk Tank and 159.00 on the Human Slot Machine.

- B. Municipal Officers/Assessors Comments and Concerns

Chair – Wanted to thank everyone who showed up and who supported the 1st Annual Kick Off to Summer BBQ.

Vice-Chair Soucy – Road Association Question

Selectboard Member Pushard – Want to note that our events seem to be the same volunteers and the Kick Off to Summer BBQ was no different. What can we do to involve more volunteers. Thank you.

X. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A): Personnel Matters – Town Manager Contract Renewal

Action: Chair Truman motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Vice-Chair Soucy seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

Action: NONE

Action: Chair Truman motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Vice-Chair Soucy seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

XI. Adjournment

Action: Chair Truman motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Selectboard Member Pushard seconded. No discussion. 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,



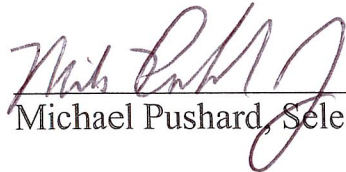
Dorothy L. Grady, Part-Time Office Clerk



Sheri Truman, Chair

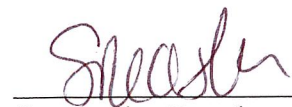


Jacob Soucy, Vice-Chair



Michael Pushard, Selectboard Member

A true copy attest:



Samantha Peaslee, Town Clerk