

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday August 20, 2019

Members Present: Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette, Jason Weir, and Jodi Pinard Town Administrator

Others Present: Donna Chagnon, Doug Hall, Richard Moore, Evelyn Pike, David Colbert, and other members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Bouchard called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Appointments

Douglas Hall – RAC Appointment

Mr. Bouchard asked that Mrs. Pinard reach out to see if you would be interested in filling a vacancy on the RAC. With your past experience I thought that you may be a good candidate to join the committee.

Mr. Weir stated that you have been on the committee before and instrumental in the creation of the report. We could use that experience and insight. We have three open spots. I have been to 3 of the 5 meetings and those meetings seemed to be very productive. The ones I did not attend I have heard they are the opposite. We are looking to get things accomplished.

Mr. Bouchard would like Mr. Hall to consider joining the committee and being chair.

Mr. Hall stated the meetings were productive and after the meetings is when things were said. I had been on and off the committee between 2011 – 2017. Last year I did not think they would get the report completed so I had volunteered to complete it. Meeting Minutes are missing as I have reviewed the website. I do not want to be on a committee that is floundering. The master road list seems to not be updated as it should be. Another issue I found when I was on the committee was the Road Agent was not always attending the meeting and we could not enter the building.

Mr. Weir stated that has been taken care of. The Road Agent had been given a directive to attend all meetings.

Mr. Hall stated I am enjoying not doing much but I also want the Town to move ahead and the RAC seems like a good plan. It is helpful that the charter is specific as to what the RAC must be in charge of. I am willing to be on the committee but I will be out of Town on September 9 which is the next meeting. I am also willing to put the report together if I am not on the committee.

Mr. Bouchard stated I am asking for you to be the chair because I had heard no one on the committee wants to be a chair.

Mr. Hall stated I will like to do one or the other. I do not want to be chair and write the report. I do agree that Allen brings a lot to the committee. I am willing to be appointed to the committee but I am also willing to not go on the committee and write the report.

Mr. Millette stated that he would like to see Mr. Hall on the committee and then let the committee decide who the chair will be.

Mr. Colbert asked when you have the meeting is the Road Agent being paid if so then he should be the recording secretary.

Mr. Weir stated that would have to come from the Board to have him take the minutes. If we could get a full committee that would elevate some of the pressure.

Linda Rauter – Target Practice

Mrs. Rauter stated that on Sunday mornings for at least two hours there is intermittent target practice. It scares our dog and sometimes it forces us to leave our home and we feel that is unfair. So we are coming to you to see if there is some type of avenue that we could go to have this taken care.

Mr. Weir suggested maybe going over and having a conversation with the person that is doing it. The town does not have an ordinance to deal with this issue.

Mr. Rauter feels that speaking to this person would not help the situation as this is something that has happened for years.

Mr. Millette stated that noise ordinance is classified as a nuisance which is in and of itself something very hard to classify.

Auditors Complaint – Evelyn Pike

Mrs. Pike stated that she came before the Board to discuss her interactions with the auditors. There was discussion regarding a law that was signed in 2017 that certain information cannot be released. This year the auditors asked again for that information and they stated that the law had been repealed. Mrs. Pike called DMV and found that not to be true.

The auditors would come in and ask for information that was not pertaining to Town Clerk /Tax Collector office but it was actually pertaining to the BOS.

The auditors came in 3 times asking questions in different ways and she felt that they were trying to trick her into answering differently.

The auditors came in and I was waiting on a resident. He was behind me as I was conducting business at the window. He said I was completing the transaction wrong and Bonnie told him that I was doing the transaction properly. I then told them that I was doing my job correctly.

She felt like trying to get her to breach of procedure.

Mr. Weir asked if this was possibly part of the audit with the exception of them telling her how do her DMV transaction.

Mrs. Pinard stated that the auditors have always asked the selectmen's office questions in different ways so that is something we are very used too. But she did not want to speak for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

General Business/Board Discussion

BCEP Appointment

Mr. Bouchard motioned to appoint D. Michael Paveglio to the BCEP as the Town Budget Committee Representative. Mr. Weir second. **Motion Passes**

CIP and Budget Schedule

Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee

9/24/2019 - joint meeting with Budget Advisory Committee

10/1/2019 - department heads, Budget Advisory Committee

Outstanding Items

242 Main Street –

Mr. Bouchard asked why the permit has not been completed yet. I know that there are issues going on down there but a permit has not been given. Do we need to set a date on this?

Mr. Weir stated there are a lot of things that need to go on the calendar to be addressed. I am working with Everett to get the asbestos certificate.

Mr. Millette stated that Everett is waiting for the check so that he can issue the Demo permit. I think you can complete step one.

Mr. Bouchard stated that will you do that this week.

Mr. Weir stated that yes he thought he could.

Mr. Bouchard stated that I am concerned with something Selectman Weir said last week to effect that you are not a selectmen after the gavel hits the table. I do a lot more after that than I do as a selectmen sitting at this table, and it caught me by surprise. I wanted to bring it up and talk about. We are still one team and we need to work together. That definitely set me back a little.

Mr. Weir stated that what I meant was I can make a decision for the Board when the gavel falls.

DOT Route 4 Letter –

The Board reviewed the letter the Town received from DOT with a plan and are working on getting a joint meeting with DOT.

RMON Computer

Consensus of the Board was to review the quote and discuss on September 3, 2019 at the Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Upcoming Items-

Mrs. Pinard stated that the compensation study needs to be completed. She is waiting on review by the board of the Police Departments job descriptions.

Other Business-

Town Administrator Vacation

Mrs. Pinard reminded the Board she is leaving for Nashville on vacation September 17 and will be returning to the office September 24.

Pea-Stone on Roadways

The consensus of the Board was to no longer use pea stone on the any town roads. The Road Agent will be told on September 3, 2019.

September Meeting Schedule

September 3, 2019 – Regular Meeting

September 10, 2019 – Joint Meeting with DOT regarding Route 4

September 24, 2019 – Regular Meeting with Advisory Budget Committee

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Bouchard and seconded by Mr. Weir to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Pinard, Town Administrator

Not approved until signed

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir