

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Members Present: Tom Jameson, Ed Millette, Richard Bouchard, Jodi Pinard Town Administrator, Kristy Barnouski Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Chief Clarke, Chief Quimby, Zach Boyijian, Kathy Doult, Tom Houle, Dick Pratt, Alan Mayville, Donna Chagnon Denise Clattenburg, Chris Snow, Danielle Snow and other members of the public.

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

Department Heads-

Police Department-

Chief Clarke stated that Mark Blanchard owner of Bobcat in Chichester purchased a drone for the Chichester Police Department. There will be a class online and the officers will have to pass a test by TSA in order to operate the drone. The drone will be utilized to capture aerial footage among other things.

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to accept a donation from Mark Blanchard of a DJI-Mavic Quadcopter drone with a value of \$999.99. **Motion passes.**

Chief Clarke stated that WMUR contacted him and is coming to do an interview about the incidents on Route 4. They will be in Town on the 27th to meet with the Chief and possibly other Department Heads.

Chief Clarke stated that the application deadline has closed. He also stated he sent letters to 27 people. One of the applicants is certified the rest are not. March 23rd there will be a PTand written test.

Chief Clarke stated that he had previously spoke about purchasing a new security camera system for the Police Department. He found one that is suitable for \$539.41. He stated that he looking to purchase camera system out of Police Office Equipment Fund.

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to approve the purchase of a security camera system in the amount of \$539.41 out of the Police Office Equipment Fund. **Motion passes.**

Chief Clarke stated that the PD sent Officer Arrnone to stop stick training. In the recent months there has been two car pursuits ending in crashes. He would like to purchase a stop stick to utilize in similar situations. Chief Clarke would like to purchase the stop sticks in the amount of \$697.00 out of the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to purchase the stop sticks in the amount of \$697.00 to be taken out of the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. **Motion passes.**

Chief Clarke stated that he is having a problem with the soffit in the roof and also he is concerned about the snow coming off the roof in places. He would like additional snow stoppers placed on the roof to keep the snow from falling and hurting someone.

Mrs. Pinard will contact the contractor that did the roof and have him contact Chief Clarke to discuss issues.

Officer Phil Arnonne will be playing hockey in the battle of the badges on Team Police on March 16, 2019 in Manchester at the Verizon Wireless Arena.

Fire Department-

Chief Quimby stated that the Fire Department will be hosting an open house next Wednesday March 13th, beginning at 7pm open to all residents.

Chief Quimby stated that calls for service are up and the department has been very busy this year.

Chief Quimby stated that he is working with Chief Clarke doing training called EMS in the warm zone which they were awarded a grant for.

Chief Quimby stated that he is hoping to have four live in students this year and will be doing interviews soon.

Chief Quimby told the Board he would like to keep the ambulance fees the same this year and asked the Board to sign the contract with Comstar who is the current billing company.

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to accept the rates as Chief Quimby presented. **Motion passes.**

Library-

Ms. Doult stated that there have been a few closures due to snow, following lead with the school.

Evening Book group on the second Wednesday evening of every month. The library helps to sponsor a Memory Café once a month in conjunction with Epsom Library. This program is for residents who have memory challenges and their caretakers.

The Board of Trustees has accepted a bid for shelving for the renovation of the Children's area.

Library will have tables at voting day, school district meeting day and Town meeting where free books will be handed out.

The Winter Warm-up was held in February, featuring stews, soups and chowders. Barbra Eggers won the prize for her slow cooker chili. The Library wanted to thank Selectmen Jameson for attending.

Artwork from the Chichester Central School will be on display at the Library throughout February and at least part of March. The library is hoping to hold a reception for them on March 23rd.

Ms. Doult stated that there will be a program of Celtic Music by Jeff Snow at Town Hall/Grange at 7pm on March 8, 2019. This is at no cost to the public and refreshments will be available.

Parks and Recreation-

Mr. Boyajian stated that Parks and Rec received another \$1,000.00 donation from NH Charitable Foundation to go towards the Playground.

Highway Department-

Mr. Plunkett was not in attendance.

Discussion on Hall Rental-

Mr. Pratt stated that he would like to rent the Grange Hall to sell his art work. He stated that the policy is that no events for profit can be held. He would like to know if he is able to rent the Hall for this purpose.

Mr. Jameson stated that unfortunately because the policy states "no events for profit" he would not feel comfortable allowing one person using it for profit and not everyone.

Mr. Millette agreed.

Lion's Club-

The lions club would like to set up a table at Town Meeting. Mr. MacKinnon the moderator approved both the Lion's Club table as well as a Girl Scout Cookie booth.

Election Coverage-

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to appoint Jodi Pinard and Kristy Barnouski as pro temp to fill in for the election coverage. **Motion passes.**

Other Business

Mr. Jameson stated that he was told that the Kindergarten playground was no longer being used due to the size being reduced. He recommended to Mr. Boyajian that the existing equipment may be able to be moved to the new playground at the park.

The Board appointed Richard Moore as the Transportation advisory Committee representative through CNHRPC.

Trap Road-

Mr. Bouchard stated that a developer came before the Planning Board inquiring about the possibility of the Town plowing Trap Road to the end which would be an additional approximately 1500 sq. ft.

Mr. Mayville did say that used to be plowed years ago.

Ms. Barnouski explained that the developer is considering using Trap Road out to Ricker Road for the main entrance and exit for the elderly development as opposed to Rt. 4 which has been proven to be dangerous. The developer will be back in to the Planning Board for a conceptual discussion on March 7, 2019. More information will be gathered then.

Food Pantry Donations-

A motion was made by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Millette pursuant to RSA 31:19, the Board of Selectmen shall accept and authorize the expenditure of unanticipated funds in the amount of: \$200.00 from St. Stephens Episcopal Church in support of the Food Pantry.

It shall be the responsibility of the Town of Chichester to maintain accurate record of all funds, detailing their expenditures, and that such records shall be made available upon request. **Motion passes.**

Abatelements-

Mrs. Pinard presented the Board with a list of abatements from Great Meadow Campground. Mrs. Pinard explained that when campers are not registered as of April 1st, they are subject to taxation by the Town according to State Law. The list of abatements are campers that no longer reside in the campground and have moved on. The accessor recommended to abate them.

Mr. Bouchard stated that it might be worth looking into to obtain legal advice on how to handle this in the future.

Mr. Jameson stated that he would like to not act on this tonight and get more answers beforehand. The consensus of the Board was to get legal opinion before abating any of the campers.

Non-Public Session 91-A: 3 II. (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

A motion was made by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Millette to enter into non-public. Jameson Aye, Millette Aye, Bouchard, Aye. **Motion Passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Millette to exit non-public session. Jameson Aye, Millette Aye, Bouchard, Aye. **Motion Passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Millette to seal the non-public meeting minutes indefinitely. Jameson Aye, Millette Aye, Bouchard, Aye. **Motion Passes.**

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Jameson to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Not approved until signed

Kristy Barnouski, Administrative Assistant

Tom Jameson

Ed Millette

Richard Bouchard