

Selectmen Minutes 10/30/2018

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday October 30, 2018

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

Attendees: John Martel, Chief Quimby, Stan Brehm, Jim Plunkett, Nick Wood, Zach Boyjijan, Tom Houle, Kathy Doult, Donna Chagnon, Patty Milligan, Bernd Rienhardt, Allen Mayville, Lucille Noel, Robyn Eldridge and other members of the public.

Mr. Jameson opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Richard Bouchard-

The Board stated that they asked Mr. Bouchard to the meeting this evening to ask him a few questions about himself and why he put a letter of interest in for the Board of Selectmen vacancy. Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Bouchard why he put his letter in and to tell him a little bit about himself. Mr. Bouchard stated that he moved to Chichester a little over two years ago. He decided to buy his house here in Chichester because he had been volunteering at the Live and Let Live Farm where his horse is for the eight years previous and really fell in love with the small Town. He is also a Chichester business owner. Mr. Bouchard stated that he feels that it's very important to be a part of Town you live in which is why he started serving on the budget committee. He also was appointed to the Planning Board which he stated he enjoys very much to see the beginning of new development come into Town and to be a part of that process.

Mr. Bouchard stated that he would like to be a Selectmen to keep the Town moving in the direction that it's moving, such as its rural character and the vision of the charrette. He would like to be the voice of the residents.

Department Heads-

Parks and Recreation-

Mr. Boyjijan wanted to introduce Robyn Eldridge as a new Parks and Recreation member.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Jameson seconded to appoint Robyn Eldridge to the Parks and Recreation Commission. **Motion passes.**

Mrs. Eldridge stated that she has been very involved with the CYA at the park and wanted to bridge the gap between the two and work together to raise funds for the new playground. She stated that the playground was torn down by Nick Wood free of charge. The old one didn't meet current safety standards. Mr. Boyjijan stated they will be doing as much fundraising as possible to get a new playground and then a warrant article for Town Meeting. Mrs. Eldridge gave an update on the funds raised so far for a new playground which totals \$6,500.00. She stated that she is also in touch with multiple charitable organizations asking for donations to help with the cost.

Mrs. Pinard stated they she did ask Primex and volunteers can put together the playground with supervision from the playground company and then Primex can inspect it before ribbon cutting.

Natural playground- Mrs. Pinard had and update on the natural playground. She spoke with Primex about the rock climbing structures and instead of the boulders being moved six feet apart they can also be moved so they are touching with wood chips for cushioning. Mr. Plunkett will move the boulders closer as soon as he can fit it into his schedule.

Library-

Ms. Doult who presented for the Library shared that the library has been very busy with multiple programs going on such as toddler time, coloring and coffee, and a special presentation called "Wings of the Night" featuring a live owl. The Library also participated in Trunk or Treat. Saturday November 3 there will be a final used book sale. There will also be an upcoming reception featuring Barb Pappas and her photos which will be for sale to raise funds for updating the children's area.

Ms. Doult also stated that the policies committee for the library continues to meet.

Fire Department-

Chief Quimby stated that the Department is currently working on two federal grants. One is for an exhaust removal system and the other is for an extraction machine and dryer for the turnout gear which removes dangerous chemicals and contaminants.

Chief Quimby wanted to publically thank the Police Department for their donation of tires for the FD Explorer which helps tremendously.

Chief Quimby also stated there have been multiple wrecks on Rt. 4 recently and urges the public to drive safely.

Planning Board-

Chairman Brehm came to report for the Planning Board. He stated that alternate, Craig McIntosh had been absent for several months now and should be considered to be removed from the Board. Also, He stated that he would have a discussion with Dr. Mara regarding his absences and find out if he truly has the time to be on the Board any longer.

Mr. Brehm stated that there is a busy agenda on November 1st and that there some conceptals coming in as well as a public hearing for a subdivision. The Board will also be speaking the Mr. Cole and Mr. Plunkett regarding the driveway permit they have put forward for review.

Mr. Brehm stated that the zoning work has been going very well and that CNHRPC has been doing a great job with listening to the Board and preparing changes. They are making progress and Mr. Brehm stated that they will be asking more boards to join in on workshops as soon as the Board gets through this next meeting and has the groundwork laid.

Highway-

Mr. Plunkett stated that the steps have been ordered for the side of the Town Hall building and will be put in after Election Day on November 6.

Mr. Plunkett stated that he spoke with Frank Merrill who stated that he hoped to have his subdivision completed by Town Meeting so the roads can be accepted as a Town Road. Mr. Plunkett wanted to make the Selectmen aware of this. He also stated that this will add roughly 45 minutes to his plowing route.

There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Plunkett as to who needs to inspect the roads as well as driveways. The Town Engineer will be responsible for the road but it was unclear who is responsible for the driveways. More research will be done on this matter.

Mr. Plunkett stated that the new entrance on shed has been paved with binder. All the equipment has been serviced for the winter. Mr. Plunkett stated that he ordered more salt to get him through the year but will have to order more early next year.

Mr. Plunkett stated that he has been working on the highway budget and wanted to make the Board aware that fuel is up and there was not enough budgeted last year.

Mr. Plunkett informed the Board that Kind Road is being worked on now and Garvin Hill Road is being paved at the end of this week. A dry hydrant is going in at the lower culvert at the Loudon Town line.

Tax Rate Setting-

Mrs. Pinard stated that the 2017 tax rate was set at \$27.72. The proposed tax rate for 2018 is \$23.42 which is a \$4.30 decrease. Chichester currently has 6.23% in Fund Balance. Mrs. Pinard stated that the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) recommends that Towns hold 5-17% in Fund Balance.

Mr. Millette stated that he was not in favor of using Fund Balance at this time.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Jameson seconded to set the 2018 tax rate at \$23.42. **Motion passes.**

Appointment-

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Jameson seconded to appoint Marlene Hammond to the Budget Committee for a three year term. **Motion passes.**

Old Home Day Donations

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded Pursuant to RSA 31:19, the Board of Selectmen shall accept and authorize the expenditure of unanticipated funds in the amount of:

\$100.00 received from Grateful Sleds.

\$30.00 received from Sonia Cormier

\$30.00 received from Belinda Renaud

\$30.00 received Blaney's Tree Service

in support of Old Home Day. It shall be the responsibility of the Town of Chichester to maintain an accurate record of all funds, detailing their expenditure, and that such records shall be made available upon request. **Motion passes.**

Food Pantry Donations

Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded Pursuant to RSA 31:19, the Board of Selectmen shall accept and authorize the expenditure of unanticipated funds in the amount of:

\$100.00 received from Davis Fuels of Epsom, INC.

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

Budget Season-

The Board set the budget schedule for December 4, 5, & 6th at 6:00pm.

Mr. Plunkett stated that he noticed while he was driving at night that Quest Auto on Dover Road had new extremely bright lights on the car lot that is blinding to oncoming traffic.

Ms. Barnouski will give the dealership a call to ask them to remedy the light trespass.

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Jameson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. **Motion passes.**