

Selectmen Minutes 01302018

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday January 30, 2018

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

Budget Committee Members: Stephen MacCleery, Don Peterman, Norm Larochelle, Richard Bouchard, and Marlene Hammond

Attendees: Zach Boyjijian, Chief Quimby, Matt Cole, Ewen MacKinnon, Donna Chagnon and other members of the public.

Call to Order Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00

Budget Meeting-

Highway-

Mr. MacCleery asked about the Transportation fund and how that will be utilized. Mrs. Pinard stated that that she changed the road reconstruction budget line to \$300,000.00 and anything above that will be taken out of the transportation fund.

There was some discussion if big projects should go to warrant or if they should remain in the budget. Mr. Plunkett argued that if that were to become a warrant it would make the tax rate fluctuate dramatically.

Mr. Millette stated that the previous budget members put it in the budget so the Town could keep a level funded budget.

Mr. Millette would like to take \$10,000.00 off the asphalt line. Everyone agreed.

The budget committee asked Mr. Plunkett if the extra full time person was still needed. Mr. Plunkett stated that he was in fact needed. Mrs. Pinard stated that the position was added, and the plan was to have that person do landscaping. The Town does not currently have their own mowers and equipment needed. Mr. Plunkett added that it was better to have the full time person being that its almost impossible to find part timers with a CDL.

Mr. MacCleery asked Mr. Plunkett if it was still necessary to redo King Road due to the fact that the ambulance will no longer be coming from Loudon. Mr. Plunkett stated that the Road needs to be repaired due to it falling apart and being dangerous.

Police Department-

The budget committees did not have any further questions for Chief Clarke. Chief Clarke did state that in the near future he may need another full time officer.

Fire/Ambulance-

Mrs. Hammond asked Chief Quimby why there was an increase in payroll. Chief Quimby explained that it is due to the per diems they will hire needed to cover daytime shifts on the ambulance.

After some discussion \$950.00 was removed the vehicle maintenance lines.

Board of Selectmen-

Mr. MacCleery asked where the transfer of Land Use Change Taxes (LUCT) is shown on the budget. Mrs. Pinard stated that it is not, it's a false revenue and DRA approves it this way.

Mr. Jordan stated that he would like a warrant article to keep all of the LUCT and not transfer %75 to the conservation due to the increase in Town Expenses.

The Budget Committee asked why the Library budget increased so much. Mrs. Pinard stated that some funds were encumbered from last year for the paving that could not be finished due to weather.

There is an increase in salaries due to raises and Mrs. Barnouski having an additional five hours per week.

The Budget Committee asked how often the Board of Selectmen are reviewing budgets with the department heads. Mrs. Pinard explains that she reports to the Board quarterly with budget updates and checks in with department heads.

Library-

It was discussed that the librarian's salary decreased but they now offer benefits.

Mr. MacCleery asked why the heating and electric was budgeted so high when last year they had not come close to meeting those numbers. Mrs. Pinard stated that with the addition they were not sure of the increase and it was left at those numbers because they need a full year to get an accurate number.

Other Business-

Mr. Millette discussed that he was not comfortable with leaving actual numbers at the bottom due to it being so confusing. After some discussion the line was removed from the budget.

Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A: 3 (a) *The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee*

Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body

A motion was made by Mr. Jordan and seconded by Mr. Jameson to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Jordan Aye, Jameson Aye, Millette Aye. **Motion Passes.**

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

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

Adjournment

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Jameson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.

Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Not approved until signed

Kristy Barnouski, Administrative Assistant