

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday July 5, 2022

Members Present: Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette, Stephen MacCleery and Jodi Pinard Town Administrator, Kristy Jobin Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public: Chief Clarke, Lt. Wright, Chief Quimby, Lori and Jay Baas, Russell Blaney, Donna Chagnon, Dan Schroth, and other members of the public.

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

Abatelements-

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to abate the following:

Map 4 Lot 156 Sub lot 58RV in the amount of \$59.00

Map 4 Lot 156 Sub lot 42RV in the amount of \$120.00

Map 4 Lot 156 Sub lot 3RV in the amount of \$161.00

All in favor. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Reformation Bible Church

Mrs. Pinard updated the Board on a tax exemption that was denied initially by the assessor. The church then followed up with an appeal letter to the Board of Selectmen. The Town Attorney reviewed the appeal letter and agreed with Reformation Bible Church, that it does qualify to be tax exempt. Mrs. Pinards recommendation was to follow the attorney's guidance.

Mr. MacCleery made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to grant the tax appeal to the Reformation Bible church as a religious exemption RSA 72:23-3. All in favor. Millette, aye. MacCleery, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Thunder Bridge-

Mrs. Pinard stated that she has not yet received feedback from the Historical regarding the bridge.

Mrs. Baas stated that the Historical Society met last Monday and that Mr. Pratt and Mr. Micheaux, along with others, met to get estimates to repair the bridge. They reported that the railing is now repaired so it is safe for the picnic.

Mr. Baas stated that bridge inspection is completed every ten years and posted whether it is safe or not.

Zoning Violation-Map 8 Lot 7, Fife

Mrs. Pinard reported that a compliant was drafted by the attorney and the property owner will be served by the Merrimack County Sheriff's office.

Library-

Statistics for May:

- Atrium: We had 448 items checked in and 450 items checked out. 88 renewed and 15 in-house use.
- Hoopla: We had thirty-three total circulations, 1 new patron, spent \$59.51, average cost per circulation was \$1.98.

- Overdrive: 240 Audiobooks were checked out, 108 E-Books, 12 Overdrive Magazine, & 240 for Streaming Video.
- Current number of patrons with library cards: 1,071 (3 added in May and 1 deleted)

Programs:

- The Summer Reading Program (SRP) is “Oceans of Possibilities,” and kids and teens are encouraged to participate.
 - Our kick-off day is scheduled for June 28th at Carpenter Park, with the Sea Science Museum.
 - Crafts are planned throughout July, registration will be required; and,
 - August 17th is the wrap-up for the SRP, with a program with UNH called “Whales and Seals.” It will be from 1-2, followed by an ice cream social and prizes.

We are also partnering with Altitude Trampoline Park for the SRP. Participants will pick up a bookmark on kick-off day, take it home and keep track of their reading with a reading log (we give you when your register). When they complete their reading hours, a parent is to sign the bookmark and then bring it to the library. The participant will then receive a 1 hour jump pass. This is open to children and teens only.

- “The House History Program,” with Erin Moulton, presented in conjunction with the Heritage Commission, was well-received.

Other:

- The CIP for the Library has been completed and submitted.
- There are some staff challenges currently with COVID.
- We have been having pay issues. A meeting occurred this afternoon with Jody and Kristy.
- We are having problems with our fire alarm and the alarm system. We want to publicly acknowledge Nate from the Fire Department and Peter from our EMT team for responding upon receiving a call from us on Sunday. The alarm was re-set and because of troubling information we received from Capitol Alarm saying we did not have an account; we are doing further investigation. Lt. Ben Chaffee also responded when we had questions about the system. Our alarm should be connected to 911, but apparently isn't. We went over preferred procedures to follow in the future. We were also covering some of this when met with Jody this afternoon.

A huge thanks to Millican's nursery for their donation of plants and bushes for the library's annual sale, which is combined with a regularly scheduled book sale. This year was also successful. The plant sale brought in \$815.00. The book sale resulted in \$353.00 in sales. With a donation from the public of \$50.00, the library brought in a total of \$1,218.00

Fire Department-

Chief Quimby stated that he did get clarification on the leak that has been mentioned several times. The leak was not the roof and it only leaked once.

Chief Quimby stated that the hose has been repaired and is back in service.

Chief Quimby stated that he did receive new pictures of the new fire truck, but production is still backed up.

Chief Quimby reported that Chichester FD assisted Loudon with coverage during races.

Mrs. Pinard wanted to share that a resident on Center Road came in to report that he had a wonderful experience during an emergency with the Fire Department and Chief Clarke. He wanted to thank them for their service.

Police Department-

Officer Arnone gave his notice, and his last day will be July 15, 2022.

Chief Clarke stated that the new officer starts July 18th and will need to go to academy.

He reported that Donna Stockman had her last day of work as PD Administrator.

Chief Clarke reported that the septic needs to be pumped at the safety building.

The Board announced that Josh Wright will be the new Police Chief.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. MacCleery seconded to appoint Josh Wright as the new Police Chief as of July 29th. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Other Business-

Mr. MacCleery stated that he went out to West Road after receiving a complaint regarding runoff from the roadway leaving debris in the resident's yard. He would like that to be addressed.

Mr. Millette stated that its running on his land but there is nowhere for it to go off the shoulders. He noted that it was not the property owner that complained, it was a person that uses the field to hay. He stated that it is a steep hill and there is nowhere else for it to go.

Regarding Ferrin Road Mr. MacCleery would like to speak with Craig about coordinating the culvert and headwall deliveries.

Dan the Stone Man with a Plan-

Dan Schroth, who goes by Dan the Man with a Plan, came before the Board to introduce himself and announce that he is running for office. He stated that he is not satisfied with the State House performance, so is running for democratic State Representative. He would like to focus on climate change and women's rights, healthcare, and voting rights.

Mr. Schroth stated that he would like to build a stone wall around the PD/FD sign but needs someone to donate granite. They are willing to build it, but they need material.

Approval of Minutes-

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. MacCleery seconded to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022. Motion passes.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. MacCleery to hold the next Board of Selectmen meeting on August 9, 2022. **Motion passes.**

Update-CM Truck & Trailer Sales, LLC.

Mrs. Jobin reported that the Planning Board granted CM Truck & Trailer a conditional approval with a lengthy list of conditions, including a bond. They do not have final approval until everything is completed on the list and a plan is signed. Court has been scheduled for March of 2023.

Nonpublic Session-

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to go into nonpublic under 91-A:3 II (a) – The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. MacCleery made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to come out of nonpublic. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. MacCleery seconded to seal the minutes for six months. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Nonpublic Session-

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to go into nonpublic under:

(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. MacCleery made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to come out of nonpublic. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. MacCleery seconded to seal the minutes until the case is closed. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bouchard and seconded by Mr. Millette to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Jobin
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the BOS on 08/09/2022

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Stephen MacCleery