

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday March 17, 2020

Members Present: Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette, Jason Weir, and Jodi Pinard Town Administrator, Kristy Barnouski Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Chief Clarke, John Martell, Evelyn Pike, Allen Mayville, Tom Houle, Jeff Eaton, David Jobin, Zach Boyajian, Mary Castello, Russell Blaney and other members of the public.

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

Chairman-

Mr. Millette stated that traditionally he would take over as chairman but due to him being acting officer of the Fire Department he did not feel that was appropriate.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Weir Seconded to nominate Mr. Bouchard as Chairman. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Tax Deeding-

Mrs. Pike presented two deeds for tax deeding.

Map 1 Lot 1-A

Map 7 Lot 26-5

She stated that she sent certified letters to property owners on multiple occasions with no contact from them.

After some discussion, the Board decided to send another letter to the property owners, asking them to come in for a meeting.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to not accept the tax deeds as of March 17, 2020 with another review of them on April 21, 2020. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Election Write In's-

Mrs. Pike stated that she will be sending the people with the most write in's letters letting them know and asking them if they would like to accept the positions via police officer.

Deputy Treasurer-

Ms. Deachman came before the Board to ask for Carolee Davison to be appointed as Deputy Treasurer. She stated that she was hoping Carolee would be here, but she didn't make it.

Mr. Weir asked if she could have more than one Deputy and possibly Shannon Testa could be an alternate Deputy. No one had that answer.

The Board decided that they would like to hear from Ms. Davison before appointing her.

Ms. Deachman stated that she would like to sit in and do a reconciliation of the books with Ms. Davison and Mrs. Pinard.

The Board asked about doing a forensic audit with the changeover in Treasurers. Mrs. Pinard stated that she would get a quote.

Appointments-

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to appoint the following people to the following:

Bonnie Potter- Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Allen Mayveille- Planning Board Member

David Jonin- Alternate Planning Board Member

Stanley Brehm- Planning Board Member

Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Covid-19 Memo for Press Release-

The Board discussed the new protocol during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Board decided to discontinue all Board and Committee meetings until further notice.

As of March 19, 2020 Town Hall will be open by appointment only to reduce the traffic in and out of the building.

People are encouraged to do as many transactions online as possible with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Board will waive the fees for the transactions during this time upon request.

The press release will be posted on the news and announcements section of the website tonight.

Mr. Boyijian asked if it would be possible to meet at the park instead outside.

The Board stated again they are discontinuing all meetings until further notice and they would like to encourage the CYA not to move forward with spring cleanup.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to accept the press release as amended by the Board. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Fire-Exhaust Removal System

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to accept the proposal from MagneGrip in the amount of \$54,100.00 for installation. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Zoning Violation-

Mr. Colbert came before the Board to discuss a letter he received regarding a zoning violation in Robinsons Mobile Home Park.

Mr. Colbert had questions regarding whether he should address the zoning violations with the Board of Selectmen or Mr. Hodge the Zoning Officer.

The Board stated that Mr. Colbert could address the violation with the Board.

The nature of the violation is a camper being utilized as a dwelling unit. Mr. Colbert questioned whether it really was a zoning violation according to Chichester zoning. He stated that he wasn't thrilled it was there but asked for it to be allowed to stay temporarily for approximately six months.

The occupant, Jeff Eaton stated that he is only living in it two days a week and he would plan to be out by mid-summer.

The Board would like more information from Mr. Hodge regarding the violations before deciding.

37 Martell Road-

The auction for 37 Martell Road for land only will be held on June 17, 2020 at 10am on site.

Road Postings-

Mrs. Pinard asked if the Board would like to lift the road postings.

After some discussion, the Board stated that they would like to ask Mr. Drew for his opinion first.

Highway-

Mr. Mayville stated that he has been down to the Highway Department several times to look at the equipment and stated that maintenance seems to be a problem. Mr. Mayville offered some recommendations on repairs and maintenance, such as utilizing the steam cleaner.

He also noted there is a lot of debris out back behind the shed that should be removed.

Mr. Boyajian stated that was the old playground equipment that needs to be junked.

Mr. Mayville stated he spoke with Mr. Rowell, the current highway employee and he seems like a good worker but a little inexperienced.

Mr. Colbert stated that he has been asking for a long time for material to be cleaned up by the roadway at the shed. He stated that when he was a Selectmen, they spend a lot of time and money mitigating the salt issues with nearby wells.

Mr. Mayville stated that he is willing to help on a volunteer basis until the highway department is filled again.

Mr. Bouchard wanted to appoint Allen Mayville as a temporary Road Agent to help oversee.

Mr. Mayville stated that he doesn't want to be paid, due to tax situation.

Mr. Millette stated that he would have to be a part time employee so he would be covered under workers compensation.

Mrs. Pinard will contact legal to find out about volunteers being covered under workers compensation.

Mr. Millette stated that there may be snow coming and wanted a plan in place.

Mr. Blaney offered to volunteer to plow if needed.

Mrs. Pinard will call some sub-contractors recommended incase of snow accumulation.

Cemetery-

Mrs. Chagnon stated that with no current Cemetery Trustees until Ruth E. Hammond accepts or declines, she wanted the Board to know that herself, David Pinckney and Linda Fisher all volunteered to help with the transition.

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Barnouski, Administrative Assistant

Not approved until signed

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir