

Chichester Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday August 18, 2020

**Members Present in person:** Richard Bouchard, Jason Weir, and Jodi Pinard Town Administrator, Kristy Willey Administrative Assistant

**Present:** Evelyn Pike, Donna Chagnon, Marianne DiToronto, Bob Mann, Russell Blaney and other members of the public.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Bouchard made a motion to reconvene the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Tax Deeding-**

Mrs. Pike came to present two tax deeds.

**Map 1 lot 1 a 97 Lane Road**

Mrs. Pike stated that she has had no communication with the property owners despite many attempts to contact them via certified mail.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to accept the tax deed for Map 1 lot 1 a, 97 Lane Road for the amount due totaling \$2556.86 for the 2017 tax year.

Roll Call Vote. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to schedule an auction date for 91 days out for the property located at 97 Lane Road. Roll Call Vote. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Map 7 Lot 26-5 32 Durgin Road**

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to table the deed for Map 7 Lot 26-5 pending an agreement. Roll Call Vote. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Conservation Commission-**

Mr. Mann stated that the Conservation Commission is looking to purchase a conservation easement for 169 Main Street to protect the subdivided acreage.

He stated that he received approval to apply for grants, which five were applied for and two so far have been successful. Hired an attorney for purchase and sales agreement.

Mr. Weir asked how money will be raised for this easement.

Mr. Mann stated that it will depend on the amount of grants received from DES, LCHIP grant, moose grant and the remainder will come out of the Conservation Fund.

The Board warned Mr. Mann to research and make sure there is no disqualification for grants and to possibly utilize wording in purchase and sales agreement to allow grant funding.

Mr. Mann stated that the goal is to preserve the land and use it for open recreation. The long-term goal is to make a connection up to the library with foot paths.

The Board stated to ask for the full amount at the public hearing, but subject to pending grant funding.

The Board had a discussion on ATV use on conservation land. Mr. Mann stated that conditions on the land could cause a refusal of a grant.

Mr. Weir stated that he will ask the ATV association how they would handle it.

#### **Meetings in Grange-**

The Board discussed cleaning after meetings. Mrs. Pinard will ask the current janitor if they are available for cleaning or an alternate person.

#### **Thunder Bridge-**

Mrs. Pinard updated the Board about an issue on Depot Road regarding access to Thunder Bridge which is a Town right of way. She stated the new residents have recently blocked access with their vehicles for a Historical event held at the bridge. Mrs. Pinard would like to send letter stating they cannot block access.

The Board asked they a letter be drafted and have it sent out for attorney review.

#### **Voting- September 8, 2020 and November 3, 2020**

Mrs. Pinard stated that she has already spoken to Mr. Sykes to use the highway truck to move voting items and booths to the school. We will need all hands-on deck for these elections.

Mr. MacKinnon the moderator stated that there will be a meeting at the school on August 19, 2020 at the school with the principal and election crew to work out setting up.

He also stated that on September 3, 2020 at noon they will be meeting to presort the absentee ballots. They will be opening the outer envelope but not the inside envelope. The Inside envelope will be opened one hour after election.

Masks will be required in the school for voting.

Mrs. Pike picked up the PPE for both elections from the National Guard.

Monday September 7, 2020 on Labor Day from 3:00pm-5:00pm is the last chance to return ballots in person.

#### **Funding-**

Mrs. Pinard stated that Chichester received funding from the CARES act GOPHER funding.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded in accordance with RSA 21-P:43 to accept total grant in the amount of \$8,119.59, with \$6,766.33 (80%) from the Federal Cares Act Funding and \$1,353.27 (20%) match from the Town. Further to authorize Jodi Pinard, Town Administrator with designated signing authority for the submission and reimbursement request for this grant agreement.

**Roll Call Vote.** Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Adjournment:**

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Weir and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted

Not approved until signed

Kristy Willey, Administrative Assistant

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Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir