

Chichester Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday September 15, 2020

Members Present in person: Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette and Jodi Pinard Town Administrator, Kristy Willey Administrative Assistant

Present in person: Chief Clarke, Richard Moore, Bob Mann, Bonnie Potter, Evelyn Pike, Russell Blaney, Zach Boyjajian and other members of the public.

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

Evelyn Pike-

Submitted letter of resignation as of December 31, 2020 for her position as Town Clerk. Mrs. Pike will keep her position as Tax Collector.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to accept Mrs. Pike resignation as written. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Bob Mann-Conservation Land Purchase

Mr. Mann came before the Board to discuss the purchase of a land conservation easement located at 169 Main Street.

Mr. Mann stated that Five Rivers Conservation trust was going to hold the easement but due to covid-19 they are no longer to move forward. The Conservation commission would like to move forward with purchasing the easement and the Town holding the easement.

Mr. Bouchard discussed the issue of no motorized vehicles on the easement and that Mr. Martell is looking into information regarding allowing use of such vehicles. It does allow snow mobiles but no OHRV's.

Mr. Mann stated that this is a piece of property anchors that part of town in the scenic views and open space. We have a willing landowner that likes the idea of public access and connecting land behind school and trails.

Mr. Millette asked about cutting timber and discussed if a forestry plan should be included in the easement?

Mr. Mann stated traditionally the landowner maintains use of the land for forestry and other use.

Mr. Moore stated that when he was on the planning board and while doing zoning districts, they used the charrette vision to create nodes to protect rural integrity and scenic views.

Mr. Mann stated a purchase and sales is needed to allow this to move forward.

Mr. Boyajian stated that they would also like it to be maintained but years from now the Town may want forests. Whether it is an open field or forest it will be preserved.

The property owner does not want to sell it outright, he would like to keep the land and sell the easement.

Mr. Millette stated he is not happy with the purchase and sales agreement. He would like the maintenance agreement to maintain the rural character of how the fields and property look now. He would rather purchase the property and have it be town owned.

Richard Moore- 10-year transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Moore presented the summary of the D.O.T. ten-year plan. He stated that the Main St. and Rt. 28 intersection is still on the plan and they are working on a detail design. It will help traffic flow and increase safety. He asked if there are any other intersections that cause concern.

Chief Clarke recommended Webster Mills Road/Kelly Corner Road be looked at for 2030's. The Board agreed.

Mr. Boyajian felt that Main St/Center Road/Canterbury Road intersection is very dangerous which is in the potential future.

The Board discussed King Road.

Mr. Millette wanted to address the traffic exiting King Road. Going from a dead stop to 55+ mph is very dangerous. He believes it should be a lighted intersection.

Chief Clarke stated it should be reduced speeds as well.

The Board discussed the Main street study and the addition of sidewalks
They discussed that its hard with width of road, no shoulders, and lots of poles create issues.

Chief Clarke stated that State will not post road, but big trucks can't negotiate turns without using the other lane. He would like no through trucking.

Main street would have to be a roundabout or 4 way stop.

Mr. Boyajian stated that Granny Howe Rd. is a very bad intersection and the angle of the road needs realignment.

Appointments-

Mrs. Pinard hopes to appoint member to the RAC next meeting

Mrs. Pinard stated that 37 Martell Road sold at auction for \$110,000.

Mrs. Pinard stated that the Gopher grant was submitted, and an update will be given on results.

Evelyn Pike-Tax Collector office

Mrs. Pike stated that she would like a new desk, computer, phone, and other items for the Tax Collector space. Mrs. Pike will obtain quotes for prices on items and she will be added to the agenda for October 6, 2020.

Mrs. Pinard stated that there is a serious well issue. Highway is working on getting quotes on a drilled well. The Board will discuss the quotes at the next meeting.

Mrs. Pinard is still working on getting more quotes for updating the Grange Hall.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to enter non-public under:

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Edward Millette seconded. Bouchard Aye, Millette Aye, Weir Aye. Motion Passes.

Mr. Bouchard motioned to exit non-public session. Mr. Weir seconded.

Millette Aye, Bouchard Aye, Weir Aye Motion Passes.

Mr. Bouchard motioned to seal the minutes indefinitely. Mr. Millette seconded.

Bouchard Aye, Weir Aye, Millette Aye. Motion Passes

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted

Kristy Willey, Administrative Assistant

Not approved until signed

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir