

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday December 1, 2020

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

Members of the public: Craig Sykes, Russell Blaney, Tara Blaney, Donna Chagnon, Brady Jezewski, Zach Boyajian, Stan Brehm, Dick Pratt, Olivia Skaltsis, Phil Keefe, John Skaltsis, and other members of the public.

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

Department Heads-

Police Department-

Chief Clarke stated that the radar signs are in and Bobcat donated an auger to use to put the poles in so those will be done as soon as they get the machine for use. They will also be putting some mounts on a trailer to utilize around Town.

Fire Department-

Mrs. Pinard stated that Chief Quimby will not be in attendance tonight. He is at a scene of an accident. His report is that the extractor and dryer are now in service.

They also assisted Epsom in the fatal accident this past week.

Emergency Management-

Mrs. Pinard reported for Mr. Martel. Mr. Martel and the school principal have been working on a project to make the school an emergency shelter.

Highway-

Mr. Sykes stated that he has been doing a lot of work around the shed. The doors to the shed have been replaced making it more secure as well as the bay doors have been repaired.

Highway is currently working on getting dead trees taken down in the yard.

Dead River will be coming in to put in a new tank this week for propane.

The ramp has been rebuilt as it was deteriorated.

Danny Ladd has been helping to clean out the debris in the back of the shed.

The loader rims and tires have arrived, once they are put on it will be brought over to Dakota's to be furthered repaired.

Knox box has been installed.

Mr. Sykes would like to purchase a container to utilize for space and storage. These containers are wind and watertight. He requested to purchase one for \$3,395.00.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to approve a container in the amount of \$3395.00. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Sykes stated that he acquired Advanced as contractor for snow plowing.

Truck three is having major repair issues. He is hoping to get it back by the end of the week. They are in the area of \$18,000-\$20,000.

The Board had a discussion on the hiring process for Highway. Typically, Department Heads are able to interview and bring a suggestion to the Board. The Board agreed this process will be done for Highway moving forward.

Library-

Ms. Doult presented for the Library.

The Library Trustees are still utilizing Uberconference.com for their meetings. We continue to follow our COVID-19 policy.

Merrill Construction installed the granite posts and the new flagpole for the Library, along with doing the associated work. We continue to be grateful for their cooperation and consideration.

We had a video conference this morning with the Town Administrator, Road Agent, Library Trustees and an Alternate, and the Library Director concerning expectations and interactions with the Road Agent/Highway Department for snow removal and other projects. This was done in light of the new Road Agent and his position within the Town. Open communications was felt to be key. The Library appreciates the cooperation of all.

Parks and Recreation-

Mr. Boyijian stated that he has been getting pricing for gutters on snack shack building that are needed. Based on distributions the money is available. If accounting is correct, they should approve it at the next meeting.

Planning Board-

Mr. Brehm stated that the White Birches Development has been approved for two more units.

The Board has been discussing zoning changes and there will be a second meeting this month to finalize those.

Thunder Bridge Discussion-

Mr. Pratt stated that the Historical Society has events at Thunder Bridge a few times a year. This year the access has been blocked by vehicles and the Historical Society has not been able to access it.

There are new homeowners who came to the meeting stated they do not block access and they have only asked two people not to park on their grass when it was newly reseeded and when the new septic tank was installed.

The Board stated that there is deeded access for the property and the right of way exists not only for the right of way to Thunder Bridge but also for access to the dry hydrant.

The property owners stated they were not trying to purposefully block any access; they are just parking their vehicles in their driveway. They do not believe the deed is as cut and dry.

Mrs. Pinard stated that she has spoken to the property owners previously and provided all the information the Town has.

Mrs. Pinard also stated that they do received a tax break for the access.

Mr. Weir would like to see a plan so everyone knows exact boundaries and there is no confusion.

Mr. Bouchard stated in the end the access needs to be kept open for Thunder Bridge.

Great Meadow Campground discussion-

The Board received letter from the Attorney representing Great Meadow Campground, Ari Pollock. He appeared with the owner of the campground, Joanne Breane.

The Board listened to Attorney Pollocks presentation. Attorney Pollock stated that his client purchased the campground as a year-round campground and it has been used as such for years. The winter sites used to be small cabins which have been since removed due to deterioration. The 12 sites for winter use are now utilized with camping trailers. Attorney Pollock asked the Board to review all the information provided and to reconsider the cease and desist.

Mr. Bouchard stated that the Board will meet with the Town Attorney regarding this matter.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to table this matter until the next Board of Selectmen meeting in two Weeks and will take no action until then. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Other Business-

The consensus of the Board was to move to zoom for the budget meetings. The Selectmen's Office will mail out paper copies to both Boards.

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bouchard and seconded by Mr. Millette to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted

Kristy Willey, Administrative Assistant

Not approved until signed

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir