

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Monday January 11, 2021

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

Members of the Advisory Budget Committee: Stephen MacCleery, Tara Blaney, Don Peterman, Doug Hall, Tom Houle.

Members of the public: Russell Blaney, Donna Chagnon, Brady Jezweski and other members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Bouchard called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Discussion on Highway. Mr. Sykes will be coming before the Board tomorrow to discuss his proposed budget increases. Road Reconstruction, stretching out projects. Put down base coat and then topcoat the following year.

Capital Reserve Deposits-

The Board discussed reductions on deposits into the reserve funds.

Government Maintenance line increased to \$20,000.

Reappraisal line was reduced to \$0.

The Board asked to place the parking lots on the agenda for tomorrow to discuss with the Road Agent for a plan on all Town parking lots.

The Board discussed the evaluation on Town space needs should be done in the following years.

Mr. Hall would like to move this account out until the fund has a plan.

Mr. Millette stated that we lack forward thinking for the Town needs, and this should be a bond and not a capital reserve fund.

Mr. Hall would rather put money aside for planning instead of funding the building.

Mr. Millette stated that the Town should start working on a plan for expansion so its not pushed forward another year.

The Boards discussed reducing the deposit for the rescue truck.

The Board discussed the SBCA fund and if they should wait until the purchase is closer before funding it. The Board decided to remove \$21,000 out of this year and then place it in 2030 or 2031.

Mrs. Blaney stated that she would like to work on the CIP before budget so its not all being hashed out when there is a deadline to meet for budget.

Mr. Houle stated that the CIP has been dysfunctional, and a broken process and it needs to get back on track.

Mr. Hall stated that a plan for CIP should be ready by September and needs to be worked on all year round.

Mr. Wier would like some more information from tomorrow night before making final decisions.

The deposit for Forestry was reduced from \$50,000 to \$37,000.

Radio Replacement –

Mr. Hall stated that he thinks this should be a budget line item.

The radios are out of date and cannot be replaced any longer. When they are out of service they are used for parts. This fund is to replace these radios.

The Board would like to know what year and how much for radios to be replaced.

The Board decided to keep \$10,000 in that deposit.

Gear Replacement-

Mr. Millette stated that the gear is staggered and depends on staffing.

Mr. Hall stated that this should be an operating expense also.

Mr. Weir wants to know what number he is aiming for before they taper the deposits.

Mr. Weir would like another step to go through CIP requests, so they do not make it to budget.

The Salt shed roof will be a warrant article.

Parks and Recreation-

Mr. Hall and Mr. Weir were not happy that money was being deposited and expended the same year.

Mrs. Blaney stated that she would like to know why the Parks and Rec Commission needs to purchase a gator. She stated that during this uncertain time, it should be pushed a few years.

Mr. Millette stated it was his opinion that it should be removed as a deposit and made a warrant article for the year they would like to purchase.

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted

Kristy Willey, Administrative Assistant

Approved February 9, 2021