

## Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday January 5, 2021

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

**Members of the public:** Chief Clarke, Chief Quimby, John Martell, Craig Sykes, Kathy Hosmer Doult, Michael Holt, Keenan Blum, Bette Bogdan, Tara Blaney, Russell Blaney, Donna Chagnon, Evelyn Pike, Stan Brehm, Brady Jez, L. Beachy, and other members of the public.

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

### **Informational Session for Prime Alternative Treatment Center-**

Michael Holt from the Department Health and Human Services, therapeutic cannabis program and Keenan Blum from Prime ATC gave a presentation on the program and the facility.

Mr. Blum stated they have been open in the Merrimack location since 2016 and are opening this location to help with travel burden for patients.

Mr. Weir asked, what if any negative impacts will the community see with the opening of the dispensary.

Mr. Holt stated that there has been very little involvement with local police, and they do not anticipate any problems.

Mr. Blum stated that they have not had any negative effects on the Town they currently operate in.

Mr. Beachy asked if any special consideration has been taken regarding the traffic on Route 4.

Mr. Blum stated that they did get a review from the Department of Safety and they do not expect any major issues entering or exiting the lot. The busiest hours are between 10am-2pm which are the slowest times on Route 4.

### **Department Heads-**

#### **Police Department-**

Chief Clarke wanted to thank Bobcat of NH and Joe Darrah Enterprises putting in the posts for the solar speed radar signs.

#### **Emergency Management-**

Mr. Martell had nothing to report.

#### **Fire Department-**

Chief Quimby stated that the Department responded to 464 calls in 2020.

Training has been online to limit exposure from other departments.

#### **Highway Department-**

Mr. Sykes stated that he has been very busy at the Highway Department. There were a couple of large washouts on some roads that required a lot of repair.

Mr. Sykes is working on maintenance on the vehicles.

Mr. Sykes would like to thank Bobcat for the excavator to use to prep the ground for the well. He would also like to thank Frank Merrill for his help on Trap Road with the washouts.

#### **Library-**

Ms. Doult reported for the Library.

The Library continues to manage library accessibility during COVID, while keeping the Library open to patrons.

A new flagpole has been placed in the ground by Merrill Construction. As weather and scheduling permits, a light will be placed on the side of the building to illuminate the flag.

The Library "take and make" project for December was a polar bear puppet. Caroline, the Library Director, also hosted an on-line story time using a story by Jane Brett about 3 snow bears. The make and take projects continue to be very popular. The Library was awarded a Rural Library Grant from the American Library Association (ALA) for \$3,000 to be spent on the budget for the grant proposal. This was a very competitive process. The name of the grant is: "Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries." Chichester's proposal is called: "Mental Health: A Conversation." Librarian Caroline Pynes will be partnering with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Concord, NH. As part of the grant, a movie called, "God Knows where I Am," will be presented. This is a true story about Linda Bishop, from Concord, who had mental illness and died from starvation in back in 2011. Afterwards, there will be a discussion about mental illness and the film. We hope to present this during May (Mental Health month), followed by a discussion on Zoom. The Library/Down Cellar Bookstore donated many Christmas themed books to children in Chichester, through the Library, by making donations to the Out of Your Attic Thrift Shop and donating a box of children's books to Pine Haven, where they were subsequently given to many children.

#### **Planning Board-**

Mr. Brehm stated that there is an important public hearing on a proposed apartment complex on Route 4 this Thursday evening.

#### **Abatelements-**

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to approve the following abatements for campers:

Map 4 Lot 156 Sub 50RV in the amount of \$15.00

Map 4 Lot 156 Sub 42RV in the amount of \$95.00

Map 4 Lot 156 Sub 38RV in the amount of \$155.48

Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

#### **Timber tax bill-**

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to approve the timber tax bill for Map 8 Lot 39 in the amount of \$1,827.04. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

#### **Food Pantry-**

Pursuant to RSA 31:19, the Board of Selectmen shall accept and authorize the expenditure of unanticipated funds. Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to approve the following donations:

\$1000.00 received from Dell Lea  
\$1000.00 received from Millican Nurseries  
\$50.00 received from Jim & Michelle Fodero  
\$200.00 received from Richard & Dorothy Mackin  
\$200.00 received from First Congregational Church of Pittsfield

Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Letter from Residents-**

Mr. Bouchard read aloud a letter regarding road conditions from Darlene and Greg Foss. The Board will take it under advisement.

**Other Business-**

Ms. Bogdan asked if the Town could reach out to the school regarding holding their meetings via zoom. Mr. Bouchard will reach out to Heather Chiavaras to discuss this.

Mr. Bouchard stated that he joined a zoom call with CNHRPC regarding the trails and the intersection on Route 28/Main St. discussed conservation and trails.

**Adjournment:**

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Willey, Administrative Assistant

Approved February 9, 2021

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Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir