

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday January 8, 2020

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

Advisory Budget Committee Members present: Tom Houle, Doug Hall, and Tara Blaney

Others Present: Sean Matussek and other members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Bouchard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Budget-

The Board picked up where they left off the previous evening at #12. The Board agreed to reduce the numbers to the following:

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| a. Government Vehicle Maintenance | \$15,000 |
| b. Fire Radio & Associated Equipment Repair/Replacement | \$ 5,000 |
| c. FD Personal Protective Gear & Associated Repair/Replacement | \$10,000 |

The Boards agreed to add \$15,000 to revenue and change line 3220-Motor Vehicle Permit Fees to \$725,000.

The new revenue totals \$1,363,969.00 with a total increase of 281, 694.00

The Board had a discussion on the proposed sexton position from the Cemetery Trustees. The Board left it as is and will discuss this further with the Cemetery Trustees at the Public Hearing.

The Board reduced lines 4195-10 and 4195-11 by 250.00 each.

The Board discussed salary increases.

Mr. Hall stated that its inappropriate for Department Heads to fight about increases at public hearing and should be decided on before.

The Board of Selectmen will work on numbers for next meeting.

Mr. Hall stated that he thinks the Board of Selectmen are underpaid.

Mr. Millette stated that he would rather see the Employees from the Selectmen's Office get the increases.

School Board-

Mr. Houle stated that the School Board has an almost \$500,000. Cushion in their budget. The average cost per child in the state is \$15,000 while the cost per child in Chichester is \$19,000. Mr. Houle would like the Board to put pressure on

the school to have a more reasonable budget. He stated he doesn't know how to make a change, but one needs to be made.

Mr. Millette stated that the municipal budget act is the only recourse.

Mrs. Blaney stated that there needs to be a change in the School Board.

Written Directives-

The Board asked Mrs. Pinard to prepare written directives for the following:

Road Agent-Not using stone during winter storm, only for approved uses

Road Agent-No parking any vehicles in the salt shed

All Departments- Notification on vacations

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bouchard and seconded by Mr. Weir to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Not approved until signed

Jodi Pinard, Town Administrator

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir