

## Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday May 4, 2021

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

**Members of the public:** Chief Clarke, Chief Quimby, Craig Sykes, Brianne Stone, Heather Chivaras, Dr. Bette Bogdan, Evelyn Pike, Bonnie Potter, Donna Chagnon, Tom Houle, Tara & Russell Blaney, Katherine Shamel, Carol Egan and other members of the public.

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

In light of the covid 19 Coronavirus virus social distancing advice made by the Governor and the CDC and following a declaration of emergency by the Select board chairperson is providing a meeting. Participation via telephone conference for your safety. If you would like to participate in a cell phone conference, please call this number from home 1-312-626-6799 and enter this code meeting ID and passcode. Following along, we are using a digital copy from our website at Chichesternh.org. We will also be streaming this meeting as a webinar which you can join by going to the link provided in this agenda. please reach out to Jodi crowd with any questions or concerns at email JPinard@ChichesterNH.org

### Department Heads

#### Highway-

Mr. Sykes stated that the Department has stayed very busy and was able to take a grading class, and have started grading roads.

Mr. Sykes stated that he received the last figure for the parking lot. All bids are over \$20,000.

Mr. Sykes stated that the loader has been having maintenance issues. Scott DaKota has been working on the repairs and the total cost is approximately \$15,000.

Mr. Sykes stated that he is interested in hiring a part time employee for grading only. He has found someone who is willing to do that and to also help tutor the rest of the employees which is important.

#### Fire Department-

Chief Quimby stated that they hosted a blood drive which many people participated in including Mrs. Pinard.

Members assisted several surrounding Towns with fires and assisted Pittsfield last Saturday night with a shed fire.

Members have been training on pump operations and host deployments.

#### Police Department-

Chief Clarke stated that the additional radar sign came, and they are looking at a smaller aluminum trailer to be able to make it portable.

Officer Arnone has started back at the PD which has been a seamless transition.

Chief Clarke stated that they will be working on putting the flags back up on Main St. Mr. Williams offered his bucket truck again to help get them up. Mr. Martell was hoping for some donations to come to help purchase the flags.

Mrs. Pinard stated that she received a report from Mr. Martell to read. He was unable to attend since he was on duty. Mr. Martel wanted to publicly thank the donors who donated to help replace the 15 flags and poles at the cost of just under \$900 for Main Street and the Town hall.

\*There was one anonymous donor.

\*David Jobin of White Water Service Company

\*Tom Houle of Grateful Sleds

\*Fred and Donna Chagnon.

The Chichester Police Association would like to thank the donors for their generosity.

### **Library-**

Ms. Doult stated that the staff continues to prepare for the Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales."

As noted last month the Library will be offering a service called Hoopla, an e-book service that offers e-books, audio books, television shows, comics, and much more. There will now be a tab on our page on the Town's site to take interested persons to it. Also on our page will be additional links under the "Cool Sites for Kids," including: Poptropica Games, Disney Now, National Geographic Kids, PBS Kids and NASA Kids.

There will be short version of a used book sale this Saturday from 9-11 a.m., with our regularly scheduled plant and used book sale May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Libraries scheduled program on the Red Sox, utilizing the ZOOM webinar platform, did not work last week. The Library sent out an apology to all who had signed up. We fully expect to reschedule this.

The Board continues to meet by teleconference. Our next scheduled meeting will be next Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning Board-**

Mr. Brehm stated that there is one subdivision planned for this month's meeting and then the Board will be working with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to finish the Master Plan draft.

### **Election-**

Mr. MacKinnon stated that the School Meeting and Town Meeting are quickly approaching. He has been in touch with the School Moderator working hard on getting ready for them. He stated he will be looking for volunteers to help count the ballots. He is expecting roughly 400 people for Elections on May 11, 2021.

He will be moderating Candidate's night which will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brehm will also be there to discuss the Planning Boards Zoning Warrant Articles.

Mrs. Pinard asked that Ms. Willey and herself be appointed Pro-Temps to represent the Selectmen while they are not in attendance.

Chairman Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to appoint Jodi Pinard and Kristy Willey, Pro Temp for the day of elections on May 11, 2021. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Resident Complaint-**

Ms. Shamel stated that she has lived in Town for 18 years. She sent in the complaint because she believes a business is being run out of a residential location without the needed permits. She stated that it started off with a few dump trucks and has grown over the years causing lots of noise and disrupting the neighborhoods peaceful living.

Mrs. Shamel stated if you look at their website you can see they are open seven days a week from 7am to 6pm. She was also upset that the property is in current use, so they are paying a reduced tax amount.

Mrs. Pinard stated that those properties are coming out of current use and he will have to pay the Land Use Change Tax.

Selectmen Weir stated that the property owners would have had to gone before the Planning Board to apply for a home occupation, or for a site review to be allowed to operate a business there. He stated that if they are, in fact running a business there, and they have not gone through the steps that they need to go through to allow that kind of activity, and if it is allowed in that zoning area, then they need to. Mr. Weir stated now that a complaint has been brought to the Board, they must ensure that they follow through with that process.

Mr. Hodge stated that he has been to the property numerous times, weekends included. He stated that he noticed one large truck and he did not see any backhoes. He has noticed some of his work trucks back there during the day.

Mrs. Shamel stated it has been a lot of quieter the past week and less activity there. She stated she is prepared to video the noise if needed.

Selectmen Millette would like to invite the property/business owner into a Selectmen meeting to ask them what their intentions are for the property and direct them to the planning board if needed.

Selectmen Weir stated that having heavy equipment and dump trucks is not prohibited anywhere in Chichester. If he is running a business, then the Town has some ground to stand on. If he is not running a business there, and he is just using his own equipment, there is literally nothing the Town can do about it.

Ms. Willey stated that she has spoken to the property owner several times at which time he indicated he was running his business there. Ms. Willey informed him that a business is not allowed in the residential zone and he would need to come to the Planning Board to apply for a home occupation. She stated that she did tell Mrs. Shamel that when they do apply, she would receive an abutters notice, and would have the opportunity to go before the Planning Board to let them know how it affects her quality of life.

Mr. Hodge stated that there are no big piles of mulch or any landscaping materials that he could see up by the barn on the property. He did do some clearing to put in a septic system which he got state approval for.

Mrs. Pinard stated that she will invite the property owner to the May 18th Board of Selectmen meeting for the Board to discuss this with them.

**Land Use Change Tax-**

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to approve the LUCT for 46 Hilliard road in the amount of \$9,000. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Earth Day Cleanup-**

Mr. Bouchard asked if the Town would be interested in implementing a cleanup for larger roadside cleanup items. He stated that a dumpster would be in a convenient place that the public could access and dispose of large trash items free of charge. This would not be adding any additional cost to the BCEP.

Mrs. Pinard stated Town Hall would be a great location for easy access.

**Other Business-**

Mrs. Pinard stated that Town Hall will be closed the day of elections. Employees will be at the school working.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. and Mr. Bouchard seconded to approve the minutes of April 13 and April 27, 2021. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, 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 7:35pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristy Willey, Administrative Assistant

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Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir