

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday June 1, 2021

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

Members of the public: Chief Clarke, Chief Quimby, Craig Sykes, Stan Brehm, Zach Boyjijian, Kathy Doutt, Heather Chivaris, Donna Chagnon, Dave Colbert, Russell Blaney, Katherine Shamel, Brady Jezewski, Carol Egan 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 had nothing to report.

Fire Department-

Chief Quimby stated that all the hose and ladders have been tested and the pumper trucks will be tested for the annual test next week.

Chief Quimby reported that members assisted at the Kingston Kart's fire last week on Route 4 in Epsom.

Chief Quimby stated that the rain has helped with lowering the fire danger.

He reported that there was an Incident at 46 Dover Road. A brush fire was started with oil and gas which caused a large explosion heard from surrounding Towns. The owner was issued warning.

The Fire Department Association will be hosting a town wide yard sale on Saturday June 15 9-3.

Chief Quimby stated that the in an effort to assist Emergency Responders in quickly locating addresses when responding to a citizen's call for assistance, the Chichester Fire Fighters Association will be undertaking a 9-1-1 address sign campaign. Citizens can purchase a reflective sign and reflective numbers.

Mr. Bouchard stated that the Board of Selectmen received a letter from Loudon FD thanking the Chichester FD for their assistance.

Library-

Ms. Doutt reported for the Library. There were 439 books checked in, 449 checked out and 153 renewed during April. 100 e-books were received on Overdrive and Audio books equaled 123.

Hoopla is up and running. Instructions are on the website, as well as being "pushed out" by the Library earlier today. Through this service, library patrons can receive movies, tv shows, e-books and audio books, and more.

The Library has scheduled a number of programs for adults and kids in the upcoming months.

The Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales," is scheduled to kick-off on Wednesday, June 30th from 1-3:30 at Carpenter Park, with a rain date of July 6th. That day's program will include Storytime, a scavenger hunt, a therapy dog, maybe some bunnies, a story walk and a send-home craft. Thanks to Parks and Rec for their cooperation on the use of the park.

There is a ZOOM webinar program coming up for which we are partnering with The NH Humanities To Go entitled, "Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them." It is presented by Jeremy D'Entremont and will be on Thursday, June 10th at 6 p.m. Registration is necessary.

For the kids, and as part of the Summer Reading Program, we will be offering a Squam Lakes Animal Ambassador program on ZOOM. It will be on July 23rd at 2 p.m.

July 29th, from 7-8 p.m., will be a musical duo (Cameron and Mary) who people enjoyed before COVID hit. It is scheduled to be at Carpenter Park.

July 30th at 6:30 p.m. is a conversation about mental health with a NAMI representative outside, at the rear of the building. This is part of a grant we received.

August 5th at 6:30 p.m. is the rescheduled date for the Red Sox event with Marty Gitlin.

The Library Director is also looking at a Teens' Summer Reading Grant in which selected teens can take a three-hour music mixing workshop in August with Eric Klaxton of the Concord Community Music School.

The Library has modified its COVID-19 policy. We are now allowing 10 people in the Library and/or downstairs; however, masks are still required for the present time.

The plant and used book sale on May 22nd netted the Library \$1,512.75. Of that, plants donated by Millican's sold for \$923, while used books sold for \$589.75.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 3 p.m.

Highway-

Mr. Sykes stated that they have been very busy. They have completed the dirt roads adding a large amount of gravel.

He is in receipt of a quote from our engineer for a double pipe that needs to be replaced on Ferrin Road. The cost for engineering alone is \$7,000. He is looking for guidance from the board on how to proceed.

Mr. Millette would like Mr. Sykes to reach out to DES to see if an emergency permit can be obtained.

Mr. Sykes stated that the lowest bid for the Town Hall parking lot is 23,250.00 for a 2 and 1. The parking lot will go out for official sealed bid.

Mr. Sykes stated that he is trying to get tree removal done on Lane Road.

Mr. Sykes stated that all equipment approved at Town Meeting has been ordered. The Truck will not be in until at least December and not fully built out until months later.

Mr. Sykes stated that the bid walk went well and they will be in by submitting materials by June 15th. The rock wall needs to be completed and some culverts before the project begins.

Sealed bids will be completed for the dome roof of the highway shed. Bid process will be done for dome roof.

The loader needs more repairs. The total spent on repairs is up to \$15,000 but he is still waiting for a few invoices.

Parks and Recreation-

Mr. Boyijian stated that there has been maintenance done at the park. He stated that they are not using the upper field this season due to work/seeding on the field donated by Merrill Construction.

Mr. Boyijian stated that they have been working with the school and Library for trail access to utilize a recreational grant which is a 80/20 match. This will utilize the Humphrey easement. A parking lot will be put in at the easement to access the trails. There are some bridges that need to be repaired and reconstructed. They also plan on putting in a kiosk and a wildlife viewing.

Mr. Boyijian asked to be assigned as the project administrator for the grant.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to appoint Mr. Boyijian as project administrator for the aforementioned project until the project is complete. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Planning Board-

Mr. Brehm reported that the Planning Board will be have a public hearing for the Master Plan at this Thursday's meeting along with two site plans. There is also a conceptual for a lot that has been previously declared that it could not be used for residential. He would like to prove it is now a buildable lot. A site plan violation will also be discussed for CM Truck & Trailer.

School-

Mrs. Chivaras reported that after having discussions about the communication between the School and Town she shared went back to the School Board who had questions and concerns. Some parameters would need to be set. Ms. Chivaras will be the only one attending the Board of Selectmen meetings and if she is not able to attend, another member will not be able to replace her. She stated that she will do the best she can to come and update the Board and public. The School Board does request that more people to attend the school Board meetings as well.

Mrs. Chivaras reported that you can go to the website at sau53.org to find school board meeting minutes. The school website also has newsletters that keep everyone updated. The school Board invited the Board of Selectmen to come to a budget meeting to work together.

Graduation for Pembroke Academy students will be next Tuesday at Fisher Cat Stadium. The graduating class is 172 students. 4 of the top 10 students are from Chichester. Chichester is only 9% of the Senior population.

Mrs. Dockham presented a new math program, called Eureka Math that she is using to teach students.

CCS is looking into a before or after school program and doing a survey.

Mrs. Chivaras stated that the school is running a \$550,000 surplus this year. With the covid-19 pandemic, there were a lot of grants given to schools that they were able to use on normally budgeted items causing the surplus.

Graduating seniors did a walk through at CCS.

Other-

Mr. Bouchard read a thank you letter from the Heritage Commission thanking the Selectmen's Office for dedicating the Town Report to Bernie Reindhart.

Robinsons Mobile Home Park-Dave Colbert

Mr. Colbert came before the Board to discuss Robinson Mobile Home Park. He is selling the Park and needs clarification on how many lots are permitted. He stated that there is a record somewhere that shows 34 lots are allowed so 9 more can be added. Mrs. Pinard did find a plan from 1971 that was approved for 34 lots.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to accept the plan from 1971 from Robinsons Mobile Home Park that was approved to allow no more than 34 mobile homes. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye.

Motion passes.

73 King Road-

Mr. Hague was not present to discuss the zoning violation.

Mrs. Shamel stated that she feels the compacting machine which feels like an earthquake. It seems like that they are just working on the house at this time, but she is worried about it reoccurring.

The Board asked that Mr. Hague be Invited to the next meeting on June 15, 2021.

Appointments-

Katherine Shamel was appointed to the Heritage Commission for a 3 year term.

Approval of minutes-

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021 as written. 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 8:10pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Jobin, Administrative Assistant

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir