

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday July 13, 2021

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

Members of the public: Chief Clarke, Craig Sykes, John Martell, Ewen MacKinnon, Stan Brehm, David and Diane Morey, David Jobin, Donna Chagnon, Russell Blaney, Katherine Shamel, Brady Jezweski, and other members of the public.

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

Moderator-Ewen Mackinnon

Mr. MacKinnon reviewed the events of Selectmen Weir being challenged as a resident and voter. He stated that he asked Selectmen Weir on voting day to sign an affidavit of residency which he declined to do. He then called the Secretary of States office which advised him to allow him to vote without the affidavit and then have the Supervisors of the Checklist send him a thirty-day letter. The letter was sent out via certified mail and hand delivered to him at a Selectmen's meeting by Town Administrator, Jodi Pinard. The thirty-day letter was not received back in the allotted time by Selectmen Weir. The Secretary of State advised that Mr. Weir had voluntarily resigned due to inaction. He cited RSA 651:2 & 669:63. Mr. Mackinnon has spoken to Town counsel and advised him of the situation. He stated that he has tried to reach Selectmen Weir via phone on many occasions at various times with no luck making contact. Selectmen Weir asked Mr. MacKinnon who asked him to investigate his non residency. He asked if it was the other Board of Selectmen or Town Administrator.

Mr. MacKinnon stated that he had seen conversations on social media regarding his move and it is his job to investigate. Mr. Weir stated that a divorce is a legitimate reason to move out of Town and still maintain residency. He stated that he would not resign, he would have to be removed and only a judge can do that. "Either do something about it or move on".

Mr. Millette asked Mr. Weir why he would not sign the affidavit of residency.

Mr. Weir stated that not everyone is treated equal, and he had a problem with proving his innocence.

Mr. Hall, the former moderator, stated that anyone has the right to challenge a voter and they do not have to reveal why.

Mr. Millette asked what the opinion of Town counsel is.

Mrs. Pinard stated that if the Board chooses, The Town can move forward to obtain a declaratory judgment to remove Mr. Weir from office.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to contact legal about moving forward.

Discussion- Mr. Millette wants to speak to the attorney to discuss this before making any decisions.

Roll call vote. Bouchard, nay. Millette, nay. Weir, abstain. **Motion fails.**

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Millette seconded to make an appointment with the Town counsel to discuss this further. Roll call vote. Bouchard, aye. Millette, aye. Weir, abstain. **Motion passes.**

Resident Complaint-CM Truck & Trailer, 46 Dover Road

The Board reviewed a complaint from residents regarding CM Truck & Trailer. The Board also reviewed a letter from Claude Bailat, the property owner of 53 Cross Road, and two letters from Mr. Mackenzie's attorney.

The complaints allege that Mr. Mackenzie has disregarded his site plan approved by the Planning Board, disturbing a large amount of land. Also, that he has completely renovated a garage into a home with no permits that is on Mr. Bailat's land which has been stated by Mr. Bailat and Mr. Mackenzie that he intends on purchasing. Mr. Mackenzie's attorney stated in the letter to the Board that he will not be able to pull permits or do anything with the site plan until September.

The Board did not find that timeline reasonable.

The Board is requesting that Mr. Mackenzie attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting on August 10, 2021.

The Board would like Mr. Hodge, the Building Inspector to do an inspection as soon as possible.

The Board would like any permits needed pulled in 15 days.

The Town Engineer will be contacted to do a property inspection.

Mr. Bailat, the property owner of 53 Cross Road will also be noticed that the Building Inspector be allowed access to the property within 30 days as well as the Town Engineer.

Mr. Weir made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to send letters to CM Truck & Trailer regarding the property located at 46 Dover Road, and Mr. Bailat, the owner of 53 Cross Road and to give access to the Building Inspector and Town Engineer for inspection within 30 days. Also, all required permits must be pulled within 15 days and request Mr. Mackenzie come to the next BOS meeting. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Department Heads-

Police Department-

Chief Clarke stated that Officer Lopez will be resigning as of August 7, 2021. He is starting a background check on a new candidate which is already certified.

Chief Clarke stated that the Federal Government is allocating grant money for body cameras which he will be submitting for. He will do some research on the what the fees and ongoing maintenance cost before he accepts any grant.

Emergency Management-

Mr. Martell had nothing to report.

Fire Department-

The fire department has noticed lately several emergency calls coming directly to the fire department business line instead of going to E911.

That prompted the post last week on social media requesting emergency calls go to E911 not the fire department business line. We will follow-up with E911 for additional public education if this trend continues.

I apologize for my absence this evening as I had previously scheduled myself to attend a training session at lakes region community college on this date.

The department was able to obtain a quote for undercoating the fleet, the cost breakout as shown below.

Ambulance 1 \$275, Ambulance 2 \$275, Engine 1 \$300, Engine 3 \$300, Heavy rescue \$300, Forestry 1 \$225
Ford Explorer \$200, Forestry 2 F250 \$200, Trailer \$200

The total comes to \$2,275.00

Other towns including Chester have used this company as well

I am planning to go ahead and set this up to be completed; they will come right to Chichester and do this for us unless there are any objections.

Library-

Ms. Doult reported for the library with the following:

The Library will be posting for the bookkeeper position that was approved in Town Meeting earlier this year.

We will also be posting for a Library Aide, as soon as possible. Ms. Sharon Pinckney has tendered her letter of resignation.

The Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales," had its kick-off on Wednesday, June 30th from 1-3:30 at Carpenter Park. It was a huge success with 40-50 kids in attendance, along with about 10 adults.

- Registration for the Readsquared website continues. This is major component of the Summer Reading Program, which rewards participants with prizes for their reading and includes four weeks of activities and games.
- "No Two Tails Alike" is being presented by Squam Lakes Nature Center on July 23rd at 2 p.m. on ZOOM. This will also include at least one and possibly two Squam Lakes Animal Ambassadors. Interested people do need to call the Library to sign up. Only 40 spots are available; however, we will try to schedule a second program, if there is sufficient interest. The program is about 45 minutes long and will be on July 23rd at 2 p.m.
- Through the Director Pynes's efforts, we received a grant for 6 teens, from 13-18 years of age, to participate in a music mix workshop. It will be held on August 12th from 5-8 with door prizes. Participants would be learning how to mix music learning with LLMS computer software and taught by an audio-production teacher. Since we have not received any interest, yet, we will be expanding the opportunity to neighboring libraries, also.

July 29th, from 7-8 p.m. at the Grange, will be the musical duo (Cameron and Mary). Refreshments will be served.

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. It is still a ZOOM event that will need people to sign up.

As a result of receiving monies from the State for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Library has purchased a set of metal bongo drums for installation outside. This is to encourage kids to exercise their imagination and creativity, as well as be a part of a "Music and Movement" project of the Director.

This month's book sale will be held on July 17th. We appreciate those who have continued to patronize this. The proceeds go to offset special programming and, sometimes, emergencies. Next month's sale on August 28th is the annual "Farmers' Market." There will be 8 vendor positions available. Only homemade and/or homegrown items will be sold. Interested people should contact the Library Director.

We will be participating in Old Home Days, partnering with the Grange. We will again be packaging s'mores for the kids.

The Library has Museum Passes at the Telephone Museum, the Wright Museum, the Currier Museum, Squam Lakes Nature Center, the USS Constitution and Beauty Woods Disc Golf for interested members of the community.

The Library has modified its COVID-19 policy. We are encouraging people to wear masks for their own protection and that of others who are vulnerable.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 3 p.m. at the Library.

School-

Mrs. Chivaras reported for the school with the following

Ended the school year with 8th grade graduation at CCS. We had 27 8th graders graduate. Graduates were able to have 4 guests attend and the graduation was live streamed. A list of the students who received awards will be included in the next CCS newsletter.

We said goodbye to 5 members of our Staff.

Mrs. Wendy Knewland -33 years at CCS

Mr. Sky King - longtime Special Education teacher

Mrs. Amy Binder - 25 years at CCS

Mrs. Ashley Paine - music teacher

Mrs. Leah Murphy - art teacher

DARE graduation took place on 6/15 for students in grades 6 and 7. 7th grade students completed DARE last year but were not able to have an in-person graduation, so they were included in this year's graduation.

Most if not all grades were able to participate in at least one field trip toward the end of the year.

Please remember to visit the SAU 53 website for minutes of all meetings. The next school board meeting will be on Wednesday July 21st.

Highway-

Mr. Sykes stated that they have started work on Bear Hill Road preparing for the upcoming road reconstruction.

Mr. Sykes stated that they have been continuing to work at the shed and have painted all the plows and vehicles have been undercoated.

Mr. Sykes wanted to thank Chief Clarke for all his help with tracking down the rouge pavers working in Town.

Mr. Sykes stated that the Highway Department will be involved at Old Home Day and having kids write on the plows.

Mr. Sykes stated that no bids came back for the salt shed roof, or the Town Hall parking lot.

Mr. Millette asked about the quote he had already obtained and if they were willing to do the job.

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to approve the quote for JKS Construction for \$38,500 approved by warrant article to replace the salt shed roof. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Millette made a motion to authorize the expenditure to Urban Tree to remove tress on Lane Road in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Planning Board-

Mr. Brehm stated that at the last meeting there was a new approval for a car auto sales and a home occupation for a barber shop.

Mr. Brehm stated that he discussed with the Board to use a planner from the Planning Commission monthly. The Board was not in favor of spending the money on that so they will be discussing new possible procedures to follow. The Board would also like to do more training and is reaching out to see what is available.

Mr. Brehm stated that he has been in contact with the attorney for Great Meadow Campground who stated he was unclear on what his client needed to complete.

Mrs. Jobin stated that she spoke with attorney several time as well as the campground owner and told them they are required to do a full site plan. She stated that she spoke with an engineer they are trying to hire about the requirements.

The Board would like an application made to the Planning Board within 30 days.

Mr. Brehm announced that Town recently won a judgment from the Housing Authority Board.

AbateMENTS-

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to abate the following campers as they were registered prior to April 1, 2021

Map 4	Lot 156	Sublot 0084RV	\$195.00 in property taxes
Map 4	Lot 156	Sublot 0304RV	\$60.00 in property taxes
Map 4	Lot 156	Sublot 0042RV	\$121.00 in property taxes
Map 4	Lot 156	Sublot 0037RV	\$161.00 in property taxes

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

Other Business-

Mrs. Pinard reported that Dick Pratt, a Trustee of the Trust Funds resigned. The Board thanked him for his service to the Town.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion and Mr. Weir seconded to appoint Charles Koijgian as a member of the Conservation Commission. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Weir, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Mrs. Pinard reported that there was a security breach, and her email was hacked. She stated that 7,571 fishing emails went out before it was shut down. The IT company said it was a brut force attack on exchange so anyone who has communication through Microsoft Exchange was sent an email. All emails were defaulted to the deleted file. The IT company is moving up to the next security level.

17 King Road-

Mrs. Pinard reported that a letter did go out to the property owners but its still in the 30-day window and we have not heard back. Mr. Bouchard is communicating with the BCEP to arrange drop off trash.

Mr. Bouchard and Mrs. Pinard have been looking into a farmers market which they hope to arrange at Town Hall or Carpenter Park.

The Board agreed that the Grange Hall can now be used for rentals.

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Jobin, Administrative Assistant

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir