

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday September 21, 2021

Members Present: Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette, Jason Weir

Members of the public: Chief Clarke, Chief Quimby, Craig Sykes, Tom Houle, Stan Brehm, Kathy Doult, Bob Mann, Donna Chagnon, Zach Boyajian, Brady Jesweski, Lori Bass, Tobey Reynolds from NH D.O.T. and other members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Bouchard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He stated that the meeting was being recorded for minutes.

Tobey Reynolds, DOT – Main Street and Route 28 Project

Mr. Reynolds made a presentation to the citizens of Chichester and public officials with information regarding the project scope of the Main St./Route 28 project. The public had the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts regarding potential improvements during the meeting to ensure that the project decisions meet public transportation needs and community goals and protect and enhance the environment. Many abutters were present.

Mr. Reynolds stated that this is still in the draft phase and that the D.O.T. will take the public's concerns and comments under advisement.

Steven Chase – Discussion regarding Planning Board

361 Dover Road, Map 2 Lot 83

Steve and Justin Chase came before the Board to discuss an electrical permit that has been held up for their property. Justin Chase went before the Planning Board for a discussion regarding his property and he was told he needed to complete a site plan. The Chase's do not agree that a site plan is needed and stated that the storage container was only for personal use and not commercial. The Board told them that property is in the Commercial/Industrial zone and Chichester's regulations require a site plan for expansion of use.

Mr. Chase was very upset that he was accused of doing commercial activity on the lot. He stated that he just stores items there, but they are for personal use to maintain the property. He was accused of selling items on the property from his business up the road, Chase Auto. He stated that he could bring any of the attachments for loaders to the residential property for use.

Mr. Chase read segments out of the zoning pertaining to residential properties and site plans.

Mr. Millette stated that the segment he read is for strictly residential lots and not lots that are in the Commercial zone. Also, this is an accessory building that requires a separate hookup. According to zoning, the expansion of use requires a site plan.

Mr. Brehm stated that some of the members of the Board felt that commercial activity was happening on the property and felt uncomfortable about the totality of circumstances. Many Board members reported seeing many items for sale with price tags on them.

Mr. Chase stated that all he wants to do is put electric to the storage container to use as a woodworking shop for personal use.

Mr. Brehm also stated that the Board discussed asking them to certify that they will not be using this property for any commercial use.

Mr. Weir stated that he didn't believe the Town could do that because that doesn't read in the zoning. He stated that he felt the permit should be issued and that the Board is the Building Inspectors boss, and they can overrule his decision.

It was discussed that the Board of Selectmen cannot overrule the Planning Board.

After heated discussion the Board asked the Chase's to speak to the Building Inspector again to review the permit.

Conservation Easement-169 Main Street

Mr. Mann came before the Board to review the Conservation Easement that was drafted for the property located at 169 Main St.

After reviewing the document, the consensus of the Board was to remove anything regarding structures being allowed on the property, mostly noted on page 5. This was a boiler plate template which needs to be adjusted.

Changes will be made to the document and brought back before the Board for review.

Adjournment:

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. Weir, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Jobin, Administrative Assistant

Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Jason Weir