

## Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday April 19, 2022

**Members Present:** Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette, Stephen MacCleery and Jodi Pinard Town Administrator, Kristy Jobin Administrative Assistant.

**Members of the public:** Chief Quimby, Donna Chagnon, Tara Blaney, Tom Houle, Kathy Doult, Don Peterman, Bob Mann, Chris Weir, Paul Sanborn, John Mandrioli, Matt Stolnis, Doug Hall, and other members of the public.

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

### **Meeting with Advisory Budget Committee/CIP-**

The Board of Selectmen met with the Advisory Budget Committee to discuss last budget season and how to move forward with CIP.

Mr. Hall stated that his budget experience this past year was not a good one, and it had mostly to do with the Capital Improvement Program or CIP. He stated that he was not happy with departments that did not submit any CIP forms, and then asked for large items on the warrant. He was also unhappy with the schedule and all the cancellations. He stated that he would be better utilized if he was on a CIP committee, as opposed to the budget committee. He would be on the CIP committee if reconvenes, with conditions. He would like the Board to enforce the rule that if paperwork is not submitted for CIP, then it may not go on the warrant (with some exceptions) and complying with State law.

Mr. Peterman would like to streamline the process and have everything on one sheet to review. He would also like this completed for buildings as well.

Mr. Millette stated that he had shared frustration with the meeting times being cancelled and he would like to start the process earlier so that if there must be cancellations, there is more time to reschedule, and the budget sessions are not rushed. He would also like to better utilize Department Head meetings. He would like to look at some inconsistencies, such as adding the PD Cruiser to the CIP.

Mr. MacCleery would like to see the CIP committee active again.

Mr. Bouchard would like to form a smaller committee with people who really want to participate.

Mr. Mann suggested having clear guidelines for what should and should not be submitted.

Mr. Hall stated that it is any project over the amount of \$20,000.00 and has a useful life of five years.

Mrs. Blaney stated that Chichester Central School has started their CIP process.

Mr. Hall will move forward with starting a committee and meeting with Mrs. Pinard.

### **Conservation Easement-**

The Board reviewed the Easement and stated their concern about a couple of the sections. One is regarding the landowner retaining the right to do any commercial agricultural business, the possible liability and incurred cost of mowing if the landowner does not and the footpath emptying out onto a very busy curve on Main Street with no sidewalk for pedestrians.

Mr. Mann stated that the landowner has reviewed it along with his attorney and they are both comfortable with the proposed easement.

Mr. Mandriolli, the property owner of the abutting parcel, stated that he was very concerned about the footpath being directly up against his property line. He stated that he was concerned about strangers walking the border of his property and his privacy. He has a barn, crops, animals, and a yard for his family that he feels will be disrupted by this footpath. He felt that he has not been kept apprised of what is going on regarding the easement.

Mr. Mann stated that there was no conscious effort to keep anyone in the dark and he has been communicating with the landowner regarding all the Conservation Commission's intentions.

Mr. Houle asked how much this property will cost the Town.

Mr. Mann stated that the market value price for the developmental rights is \$140,000.00 and the total cost for the project is projected at \$170,000.00.

Mr. Mann stated that they have looked for alternate options regarding the footpath, but they have not been able to obtain abutter permission to cross land for another route.

Mrs. Pinard would like to speak to legal regarding the liability of the trail routing people onto Main Street.

Mr. MacCleery stated he was concerned about the Town being liable for paying for mowing.

Mr. Millette stated that it doesn't require the Town to mow it, but the Town would have authority to do so if it became unruly.

The Board was not inclined to approve or recommend this as it was presented.

The public hearing for this Conservation Easement will be held on May 17, 2022.

#### **Fire Truck Purchase-**

Chief Quimby stated that he has been to countless meetings and has found a suitable truck to purchase. Even though this truck is still in production, it is still called a demo. He stated that it should be ready for delivery in June or July. This is a brand-new model, and the price includes the additions the department needs.

Mr. MacCleery made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to approve the purchase of a Alexis fire truck in the amount of \$558,073.00 that was previously approved at Town Meeting. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Chief Quimby asked the Board how to dispose of the old truck.

The Board asked Chief Quimby to investigate the broker cost and use municbid as an alternative.

Chief Quimby stated that they are still waiting for grant money for the forestry vehicle, and they are still researching the side by side they were approved to purchase.

**Policy Review-**

The Board reviewed some ordinances to bring to public hearing including: No Parking, False Alarms, and Construction Work Requiring Uniformed Police Officers. The public hearing will be scheduled for May 3, 2022.

**Stonework at FD-**

Mrs. Pinard stated that Dan Schroth, also known as Dan the Stoneman, has submitted a proposal to do Stonework free of charge around the Fire Department sign and in turn he would like to put his sign up while he is building it. He asked that Merrill Construction be asked to provide some granite pieces.

The Board agreed to his proposal.

**Duct Cleaning-**

Mrs. Pinard reached out to 4 companies and only received one quote for the duct cleaning at the Safety Center. The quote came in at \$5,520.00.

Mr. MacCleery made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to approve the quote form Servpro of Concord to clean the ducts at the Safety Center for \$5,520.00. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

**PD Printer-**

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. MacCleery seconded to spend \$1,045.00 on a new printer and ink for the Police Department from W.B. Mason out of the PD office equipment fund. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Other Business-**

Mrs. Pinard made the Board aware that Donna Stockman resigned as welfare director as of July 2022 so a replacement will need to be found.

Mrs. Pinard stated that the building inspector is currently reviewing business co's so a draft can be brought forward to the Board.

Mrs. Pinard reported that E911 is currently updating the maps in Chichester.

Mrs. Pinard reported that the well pump was replaced at the safety center and is now working.

Mr. MacCleery made a motion and Mr. Bouchard seconded to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022.

**NON-PUBLIC-**

91-A:3 II (e) - Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with anybody or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. Bouchard Aye, Millette Aye, MacCleery Aye. **Motion Passes.**

Mr. Millette motioned to exit non-public session. Bouchard Aye, Millette Aye, MacCleery Aye. **Motion Passes.**

Mr. Millette motioned to seal the minutes for one year. Bouchard Aye, Millette Aye, MacCleery Aye. **Motion Passes.**

Mr. Millette made a motion and Mr. MacCleery seconded to abate the interest for the 2019 tax year for Map 9 Lot 27 located at 12 Mayflower Drive in the amount of \$2,200.00. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

**Adjournment:**

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. MacCleery to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. Bouchard, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved at the May 3, 2022, BOS Meeting

Kristy Jobin, Administrative Assistant

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Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette

Stephen MacCleery