

Chichester Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday March 7, 2023

Members Present: Richard Bouchard, Ed Millette, and Stephen MacCleery

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

Others Present: Fire Chief Alan Quimby, Police Chief Josh Wright, Craig Sykes, Zack Boyajian, Tom Jameson

Appointments:

Department Heads

Fire Department

Chief Quimby reported the following:

New Truck update: still doing work on the truck at the factory most likely won't be here in time for town meeting. After reviewing warrant article 14 over and over we finally found a typo, we will most likely bring an amendment to the floor of town meeting to have the word repair replaced with refurbishment. Two totally different things. We already have repair lines in the budget, the intent is to allow either replacement of apparatus or refurbishment of apparatus, which ever is the best option for the town at the time.

In February the department responded to 41 calls for service.

March 17 we will have an open house at the station we usually do this annually right before town meeting so we can address any concerns townspeople may have with funding, warrant articles etc. Jodi put together a great voter's guide that should hopefully address any questions at town meeting.

Members of the PD and FD continue working on EMS in the warm zone, our next exercise we will be focusing on a tabletop drill.

Chief Wright and I have a meeting with our OEM representative from the state on March 20th.

Police Department

Chief Wright reported the following:

67 Calls for Service

3 Motor Vehicle Accident

2 Arrests

The department has continued with training both online and in person.

Chief Quimby and I continue to work towards joint department training and are currently working on content for the next training session. We are scheduled to meet with the Homeland Security Emergency Management representative who will help us figure out the best emergency needs for the town. Several members will participate in Web EOC training.

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Highway Department

Mr. Sykes reported to the Board.

Roads have begun to be posted for the season.

The Ford is almost complete but waiting for the last few parts.

Parks & Recreation

Zack Boyajian report to the Board

He will no longer be chair of the committee after Town Meeting.

Also requested the Board develop Field and Pavillion Usage for Carpenter Park. He stated that no one on the committee wants the responsibility of scheduling these things.

Library –

Programs:

- On March 2nd, we had a Beaver program from Naturalist Willa Coroka from the Audubon Center. We had a great response with 14 adults and 5 children attending. There was an activity afterwards and the kids loved it. Overall, it was a great program with a history of beavers!
- Our Book Group met on March 6th at 7 pm at the library, and this month we are doing a special Book Group with a facilitator from the New Hampshire Humanities-Carrie Brown. We are reading the book, Hamnet, about the Black Plaque. Those that registered received a free book.
- We are showing **Elvis the Movie** on Saturday, March 25th, at 10 am at the library. Join us for a movie and snacks.
- Coming on April 1st, Saturday at 9 am we will have an Easter Card stitching class with Elizabeth Marston. Sign up is required because of limited seats.

Other:

- The Down Under Bookstore is open during library hours, with Book Sales starting back in April. The LOCL volunteers continue to provide great used books at an affordable price.
- Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:45, and this month we are focusing on cats, Women's history, and more.
- Music and Movement is every Thursday at 10:45 with dancing, singing, scarf songs, rhythm sticks, drums, and the ukulele.
- The Director is currently working on the State Annual Report for 2023. It is due sometime in May.

Statistics for February:

Atrium:

Check-in's: 334

Check-out's: 362

Renewed: 75

In-House Use: 25

Added patrons: 10

Deleted patrons: 12

Libby (formerly Overdrive):

83 eBooks Checked out

224 Audiobooks Checked out

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224 Kindle Books Checked out

32 Magazines Checked out

Hoopla:

57 total circulations--4 new patrons

32 Audiobooks

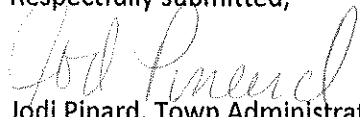
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1 Movie

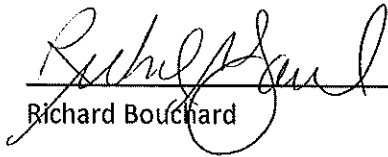
2 Television

Adjournment: Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Millette and seconded by Mr. MacCleery to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Roll call vote. Millette, aye. MacCleery, aye. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi Pinard, Town Administrator



Richard Bouchard

Edward Millette



Stephen MacCleery