

**TOWN OF CHICHESTER  
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Minutes of the 2019 Chichester Town Meeting**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chichester in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

**You were notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Chichester on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: (The polls were open from 10:00am to 7:00pm)**

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Selectman for 3 years: Thomas E Jameson 187 Jason Weir 286 Weir declared winner

Selectmen for 1 year: Richard Bouchard 278 Stephen MacCleery 178 Bouchard declared winner

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Richard Pratt 412

Library Trustee for 1 year: Thomas Downey 409

Library Trustee for 3 years: Kathryn E Doult 407

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: Multiple write ins

2. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To update all references to NH State Statutes, as applicable, throughout the entire Zoning Ordinance document. To conduct any non-substantive edits such as spelling, spacing, and numbering that may result from the adoption of any Ordinance changes throughout the entire Zoning Ordinance document.

**Yes 379 No 68**

3. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To change the basis of zoning districts from the obsolete soil-based format for zoning to districts with conventional minimum lot sizes, including adjusting zoning on specific lots from 5 to 2 acres, and 2 acres to 5 acres; revise the zoning map and date; revise frontage and lot configuration standards, including the requirement for a "buildable area;" and, revise lot size requirements for multi-family dwellings. Changes will see a newly revised Rural-Agricultural Zone with five-acre minimum lot sizes and a newly revised Residential Zone with a two-acre minimum lot size.

To define the location of the Backlands District in the new non-soil based zoning framework as those areas that meet the current description of a "backland."

To revise the provisions of the Wetland District in Section 3.16, including defining the location of the District within the new zoning framework as those areas delineated by a certified wetland scientist; and, to clarify the methods of wetland delineation as those areas delineated by a certified wetland scientist.

To revise the provisions of Section 3.19 regarding Open-Space Conservation Developments, including to specify that the Planning Board is the authority to administer the provisions of 3.19 by Conditional Use

Permit; to clarify a waiver process; to establish definitions of, and requirements for "homestead lots" and "parent tracts;" to clarify permitted uses in such developments for open space areas and areas of development; to clarify the process for determining allowable density, including the provisions of density incentives; to revise and clarify open space management requirements; to clarify the requirements for condominium association membership; and, home owner association membership.

To establish that all uses that are permitted by right within the Rural-Agricultural (RA) Zone are permitted by right on lots that are five (5) acres in size or greater in the Residential (R) Zone.

To allow commercial and residential uses on the same parcel within the Commercial-Industrial Multi-Family (CI/MF) Zone.

**Yes 330 No 111**

**4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To establish a new mixed-use, higher-density village zoning district in the area around Town Hall to be administered by the Planning Board. This Article shall only be enacted if Article 3 above is adopted.

**Yes 296 No 145**

**5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To establish new standards for commercial parking space requirements by specifying that the surface of parking, and other parking space details, shall be determined by the Planning Board.

**Yes 311 No 132**

**6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To remove redundancies in the list of permitted uses in Section IV.1.a-d of the CI/MF Zone, including: "Hotels," "Motels," "Restaurants and snack bars whose primary purpose is serving food," and, "Professional establishments such as: Dental/Medical, Law, Engineering and Accounting."

To properly reference the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) instead of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission (NHWS&PCC) as the NHWS&PCC as it no longer exists.

Clarify that the Planning Board is the sole authority to administer the provisions of the Commercial Village District, and, that any appeals to a Planning Board decision are to be made per RSA 677:15.

**Yes 344 No 97**

**Articles 7 through 25 was considered at the second session of the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Chichester Central School.**

**7. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating hereto.**

107 voting residents in attendance

**8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,591,650 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed below.**

Amendment made to reduce line 4130 -90 by \$19,999. Amendment passed. Amended article passed.

Amendment made to reduce line 4155-12 by \$9000.00. Amendment passed. Amended article passed.

Amendment made to add \$1000 to line 4191-19 by \$1000.00. Amendment passed. Amended article passed.

Amendment made to reduce line 4312-42 by \$30,970. Amendment passed. Amended article passed.

Total amount to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,532.681.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$157,000** to be deposited into each of the following Capital Reserve Funds; the amount of **\$100,000** is to be from unassigned fund balance and the amount of **57,000** is to be from general taxation.

a. Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 45,000
b. Forestry Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000
c. Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000
d. Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000
e. Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000
f. Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000
g. Police Department Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000
h. Town Owned Parking Lots	\$ 25,000

Article passed

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be deposited into each of the following Expendable Trust Funds; the amount of **\$25,000** is to be from general taxation.

a. Government Vehicle Maintenance	\$10,000
b. Police Department Training/Benefits	\$ 5,000
c. Fire Radio & Associated Equipment Repair/Replacement	\$10,000

Article passed.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$40,000** for purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Carpenter Memorial Park and Center with **\$10,000** coming from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve fund, **\$10,000** coming from donations and **\$20,000** to be raised by general taxation.

Amendment made to vote and raise the amount of \$34,000 for purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Carpenter Memorial Park and Center with \$14,000 coming from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve fund, and \$20,000 to be raised by general taxation.

Amendment passed. Amended article passed.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$57,995** for the purpose of purchasing and installing an exhaust removal system for the Fire/Rescue Department. Ninety-five percent (95%) of these funds **\$55,095** will be from Fire Grant funding and five percent (5%) **\$2,900** will be withdrawn from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article (Majority vote required)

Article Passed

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,314** for the purpose of purchasing a fire gear extractor and dryer for the Fire/Rescue Department. Ninety-five percent (95%) of these funds **\$13,598** will be from Fire Grant funding and five percent (5%) match of **\$715** will be from general taxation. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article

Article passed

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 295,000** for the purpose of replacing the 1989 Pierce Rescue Truck with said funds to come from the Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund  
Article Passed

15. To see if the Town will vote to establish Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Associated PPE Repair/ Replacement Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purchase, repair/replacement of this vital safety equipment and to raise and appropriate **\$1.00** to be put into the fund, with this amount coming from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Article Passed

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,785** for the purpose of purchasing a power cot PRO-XT (stretcher) for the Ambulance with said funds to come from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund.

Article Passed

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to update the Master Plan. The sum of **\$5,000** will be raised by general taxation.

Article Passed

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to continue updating the Zoning Ordinances. The sum of **\$5,000** will be raised by general taxation.

Article Passed

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** for the purpose of replacing out dated extrication cutters for the fire department. The sum of **\$12,000** to be raised by general taxation.

Article Passed

20. To see if the Town will change the provisions of the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established under RSA 31:95-c, to restrict 100% of revenues from ambulance billing to expenditures for the purpose of rescue vehicle replacement, or refurbishment, and rescue equipment purchase and replacement to also include use of said funds to offset the cost of operating the ambulance to include payroll and supplies. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund, accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by Town Meeting to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (2/3 Majority Vote).

Yes 28 No 46 Article failed

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the second year lease payment on **2 (two) Life Pak 15 Cardiac Monitors**. This lease contains an escape clause. Article passed. Motion to reconsider Article 21 Motion accepted.

Amendment made : The sum of \$15000 to be raised by general taxation. Amendment passed. Amended Article Passed.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,500** for construction of access and parking to the Shaw Pasture and Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area off Main Street. The sum of **\$12,500** is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.  
Article Passed

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$700** for mowing and other maintenance of Map 4 Lot 2, also known as the Shaw Pasture. The sum of **\$700** is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.  
Article Passed

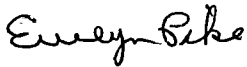
24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance under the provisions of RSA 31:39-A: Incompatibility of Office. In addition to the restrictions under RSA 669:7, no full-time employee, part-time town employee, per-diem employee, or volunteer receiving a stipend in a department supervised by the Board of Selectmen shall at the same time hold the office of Selectmen. No person shall at the same time file a declaration of candidacy for any elected office if an incompatibility exists under this ordinance. Any affected officers and employees who are in office or employed at the time this ordinance is adopted shall be exempt for a period not to exceed one year from date of adoption. (by Petition)  
Request for Secret Ballot.          Yes 26   No 52   Article Failed

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion was made: Town of Chichester congratulates Pembroke Academy on its victory in the state men's basketball championship and congratulates Chichester students who were part of the team. Motion was accepted with a cheering applause from the audience.

**Total 2019 operating budget appropriations including warrant article: \$3,183,976.00**

Respectfully Submitted,



Evelyn Pike

Chichester Town Clerk

March 22, 2019