

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING
TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING WITH CT WATER
MONDAY, APRIL 15th, 2024 1:00 p.m.
AT THE TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Board of Selectmen:

Cynthia Lignar, First Selectwoman, Pat Bandzes, Selectwoman

Paul Radicchi, Selectman, was unable to attend.

CT WATER GUESTS:

Jerry McDermott, Manager of Service Delivery for the Southwest Region

Rose Gavrilovic, VP of Services Delivery

DISCUSSION:

Summary of discussion and information relayed by CT Water reps.:

1. Chester has 53,374 feet of water line infrastructure.
2. CT Water is required to submit an existing service line inventory report to the DPH (Dept. of Public Health) by October 2024, including the material make-up of all lines. Water lines will need to be converted from lead, cast iron where they exist to copper or polyethylene plastic. CT ban on lead piping occurred in 1981. In Chester, 160 lines are copper (125 on the customer side are copper), and 20-25 are unknown, which they are in the process of determining. In Chester there is one known lead pipe on the customer side (customer side means the line to the property and not the main service line). CT Water will assist that individual with lead piping to the property per protocol.
3. CT Water is responsible for the main service line to the curbstop (valve that is the on/off switch for water to a home or building), and the property owner is responsible for the line from the curbstop to the property.
4. *Upcoming Project: The water line from High St. to just before Bokum Rd. on W. Main St. is cast iron. This will require replacement and will be completed within the next 1-2 years. Therefore, any pavement or other road plans in this area must be coordinated with CT Water. DPW Director Cam E. is well aware.
5. The company regularly tests for lead levels and PFAS (including PFOA and PFOS, which are the most widespread PFAS chemicals). CT Water tests the water at the entryway connection to residential and commercial properties to ensure water

entering a property meets standards. PFAS chemicals measured at less than 4 parts/ trillion is considered non-detectable with no intervention required. At all entry points, Chester's water system tests non-detectable.

6. We discussed extending the water line onto Water St. from the connection that exists to what was the Herbery. We explained we would like this accomplished and the reps. are due to follow up with us regarding planning and potential for funding. Selectman Paul Radicchi will be spearheading this project.
7. Pat and Cindy requested detailed water line maps. Jerry/ Rose to provide.
8. Cindy mentioned that the above ground water structure on Kings Highway is unsightly and questioned why the line was completed in that fashion. Jerry was unsure and will investigate to respond.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board of Selectmen's special meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Lignar, First Selectman