

CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016
CHESTER TOWN HALL
203 MIDDLESEX AVENUE
CHESTER, CT

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Gister called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. In attendance included First Selectwoman Gister, Selectwoman Janecek and Selectwoman Linn. Audience members included Lori Ann Clymas, Peter Evankow, James Schaefer, Fire Chief and James Grzybowski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlene Janecek made a motion to add to the agenda the approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Carolyn Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlene Janecek made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, as amended. Carolyn Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Corrections: Under New Business – Eagle Scout Update – note that the Chester Rotary Club will fund the purchase of the new flag pole not the entire project.

Under Cedar Lake – proper spelling throughout – Mr. Brelsford

Page 2 – Planning & Zoning Discussion – note – there has been a request from two separate parties that alternates be appointed to the full seat on the Commission.

Charlene Janecek commented that it would be preferable to have a “live” individual taking the minutes at the meetings. Ms. Gister will investigate.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Boards/Commissions

Larry Sypher has been nominated to fill a vacancy on the Retirement Board. The position has a term ending in 12/16/18.

Michael Adams has been nominated to fill a vacancy of a full member position on the Harbor Management Commission. The term ends October 3, 2019.

The DTC has nominated Ted Taigen to fill a vacancy (full member) on the Conservation Commission. The term ends 11/1/19.

Ms. Linn requested that if an individual - R – sends a request directly to the First Selectwoman to be placed on a Board/Commission, that said individual is referred to the RTC for a nomination.

Charlene Janecek made a motion to accept the above nominations as presented. Lauren Gister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

P&Z Commission Vacancy

As discussed at a prior meeting, several individuals were interested in filling the vacancy on the P&Z Commission. The protocol for appointing an individual to a board that has elected positions was discussed. Ms. Linn reported that the BOS previously discussed the importance of filling the position with the best/most qualified individual.

The Town Clerk received clarification on the matter from the Secretary of State's office as follows: the BOS does not appoint vacancies on Planning/Zoning Commissions, the Commission makes the appointment. The Town Attorney gave an opinion based on Statute 9-220 that states until a vacancy is filled by an election, it shall be filled by the BOS, however, there is a Statute specific to Planning/Zoning (8-19). This Statute contradicts 9-220 and calls for the P&Z Commission to fill the vacancy. The BOS referred the matter back to P&Z to fill the seat until the next election.

Amendment of the VSAP Program

Ms. Gister distributed the original VSAP Ordinance and suggested amendment of the Ordinance to the BOS. She reported that when moving forward with the budget and approving the changes to the VSAP budget, the BOS must simultaneously amend the Ordinance that refers to this program. The document was last amended in March 2000.

SELECTWOMEN'S REPORTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk