

CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
CHESTER TOWN HALL
203 MIDDLESEX AVENUE
CHESTER, CT

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Gister called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. In attendance included First Selectwoman Gister and Selectwoman Janecek. Audience members included James Schaefer.

Absent: Selectwoman Linn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlene Janecek made a motion to accept the 4/12/17 BOS minutes as presented. Lauren Gister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Lauren Gister reported that the Library Building/North Quarter Park Development Committee has scheduled 2 informational sessions for the public to see the progress that has been made on the project and to provide input and feedback on the designs. The information sessions will take place on May 11 and May 13, 2017 at the Meeting House, and information will be posted on the town website, email, newspaper, and Facebook, as well as on fliers around town.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Lauren Gister reported that additional funds were necessary for Storm Water management. The State requires that control elements must be met. Information regarding the Storm Water Management Plan are available on the Town's website and Selectman's Office. The permit must be publicly posted for 30 days prior to being forwarded to the State. An information and education requirement for the public will also be made available, both through the town website, email, and public information sessions. This item will be discussed further at a future BOS meeting.

SOLAR PROJECTS UPDATE

Lauren Gister updated the board on the solar panel project at the elementary school that will cover 30-50% of the school's energy needs. She also stated that the Chester Energy Team is currently looking at other places to put a solar field. Input from the BOS regarding possible locations for panels will be forwarded to the Energy Team.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL UPDATE

The BOS discussed the Personal Policy and Procedures Manual, and the suggested changes made by the BOF. The BOS members will review the suggestions made by the BOF and discuss further at a future meeting.

SELECTWOMAN'S REPORTS

Lauren Gister updated the Board on the bridge project, and stated that easements were completed for neighbors and permits have been obtained. She stated that there may be a conflict with the school buses, as the bridge will be closed for the first few weeks of classes. James Schaefer mentioned a potential issue with emergency vehicles as well, particularly on Sundays during the market on Main Street. There will be further discussion at a later meeting.

Lauren Gister also mentioned that she has received applications for constables and will begin the interviewing process shortly.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Charlene Janecek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Lauren Gister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Helchowski
Clerk