

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF SELECTWOMEN  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
Chester Town Hall  
203 Middlesex Avenue  
Community Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Gister called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance included First Selectwoman Gister, Selectwoman Janecek, Selectwoman Linn, Virginia Carmany, BOF Chairwoman, Bert Armington, WPCA, James Schaefer and Dawn Parker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2017

Carolyn Linn made a motion to approve the BOS meeting minutes from the February 22, 2017 BOS meeting as amended. Lauren Gister seconded the motion. The motion passed with Charlene Janecek abstaining from the vote.

Corrections:

Page 3, paragraph 3: the sentence “Cell service in the town of Chester...” should read “Cell service in the Chester Town Hall...”

On the last page, paragraph 2, final sentence: the word ‘in’ should be changed to ‘is’.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

WPCA

Bert Armington updated the BOS on the sewer situation at Aaron Manor. The original (2010) Notice of Violation for Aaron Manor was distributed. The violation gave them 30 days to take corrective action. An engineer, hired by Aaron Manor, notified the WPCA and requested permission to connect to the town's sewer system. The WPCA discussed the request and responded to Aaron Manor that in order to connect to the system, Aaron Manor would have to pay to enlarge the size of the pump station to accommodate their additional flow. The engineer felt that because the Town's system could not handle existing conditions, the WPCA should be responsible for enlarging the system. The WPCA responded to Aaron Manor that the system is adequate to handle the Town's existing needs. The WPCA requested that Aaron Manor submit an application/plans to address the matter to WPCA, DEEP and the DOT.

Bert pursued the issue with DEEP. Mr. Waterman, author of the Notice of Violation, reported that Aaron Manor reported to him that the WPCA would not let them hook

up to the system. Bert replied that the WPCA is waiting for Aaron Manor to submit a proposal. DEEP is pursuing the matter.

Lauren Gister reported that she received a phone call from Aaron Manor approximately 5 months ago, and asked them to submit a proposal. To date, no information has been received from Aaron Manor and no financial penalties have been assessed.

The ramifications of Aaron Manor joining the system were discussed including potential benefit assessment costs, digging up the road, the necessity of additional pump stations, permitting, regulatory considerations, etc.

The BOS and the WPCA will pursue the matter further.

#### PERSONAL POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS

The BOS discussed potential additions to the personal policy manual, specifically a discussion on the addition of a social media policy and a home use of town vehicles section. There is also discussion on “wordsmithing” (bereavement leave, personal leave) the document. The biggest change is the limitation of full employment benefits, such as health insurance and vacation time, to employees working 30 or more hours per week. Lauren Gister reported that she would like to vote on all changes before the town hires another employee. Additional changes will be e-mailed to the First Selectwoman.

#### MS4 STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS—ORDINANCE AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS

Jacobson & Associates forwarded the State's new Stormwater Regulations to the Town. These regulations will add approx. \$15,000 to the Town's budget (unfunded mandates). A Stormwater Ordinance is currently required and additional modifications to the Town Zoning Regulations and an ordinance will be on the agenda for the next Town Meeting.

#### SELECTWOMAN'S REPORTS

Lauren Gister reported that Pondsides Kitchens will not renew their lease, and that Corporal Steve Redente has given his two weeks notice because he took a job closer to home in North Branford. He will be missed. It is anticipated that Trooper Ewing will return to work next week.

Lauren reported that a resident has had an issue with turkey vultures roosting in his trees and on his roof. To deter the turkey vultures, stuffed turkey vultures were placed on his private property by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Commission, which determined the turkey vultures on that property to be an “extreme nuisance”. These efforts have caused complaints from his neighbors. To deter an additional type of vulture, FFW will place an additional vulture on his property.

Lauren Gister reported that applications for rebuilding the culvert on the Prospect Street bridge have been submitted to P&Z and Inland Wetlands.

Lauren reported that she will respond to the letter submitted by Dawn Parker regarding police services once Trooper Ewing is back to full duty.

Angus MacDonald, First Selectman Deep River, has been contacted and is working on solutions to provide a fair and equitable system for determining costs associated with Chester's use of the Deep River Transfer Station, possibly installing separate bins for use by Chester residents.

#### AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Regarding the turkey vultures, Virginia Carmany reported that, in her opinion, the stuffed birds are not necessary and that the turkey vultures move from site to site. She suggested that perhaps moving the stuffed birds to a different location so they are not as visible to the neighbors may be helpful. Lauren responded that the Federal Fish and Wildlife Commission determined where the stuffed birds should be located to address the matter. Lauren continued that the Town has no jurisdiction over the matter because it is private property. She added that the Animal Control Officer is frequently on site to help mitigate the matter.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Charlene Janecek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Carolyn Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Helchowski  
Clerk