

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
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203 MIDDLESEX AVENUE
CHESTER, CT 06412

Citation Review Board
Minutes of Meeting of January 7, 2013

PRESENT: Bettie Perreault, First Selectman Edmund Meehan, Karen Tranchida, Scott Patterson and Joseph Cohen

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

1. Approval of 04-02-2012 Minutes:

- a. In the absence of other members who had participated in the April 2, 2012 meeting no vote was taken; the minutes will be presented for approval at a future meeting.

2. Requests to Review Citation

- a. Karen G. Tranchida and Scott Patterson spoke in connection with Citation No. A440 referencing a parking violation on Main Street that has been issued on November 18, 2012 at 10:25 A.M.. They provided copy of a receipt for purchase of gas at a filling station located at 351 Boston Post Road in Saybrook on the same date at 9:37 A.M., stating that in their opinion it was not possible to have been at that location, made a stop at the home on Sunset Avenue in Saybrook and traveled to Chester via River Road through Essex to arrive early enough to have incurred a citation for overtime parking (in excess of 30 minutes).
- b. Linda Hansen had filed request for review in connection with Citation No. A443 and had submitted request that her case be presented as per her letter dated December 10, 2012 as she was unable to attend this meeting. The correspondence and citation were reviewed with note that reference was made to a handicap parking space on Main Street, that the date and time were during the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony, that she had been parked prior to a unnoticed parking ban beginning at 4:30, and that a posted notice of the parking ban was not on the handicap sign for that parking space.

3. Decisions on Reviews

- a. Following review of Citation No. A440 and the information received from Karen Tranchida and Scott Patterson it was the Board's opinion that in the absence of the officer issuing the Citation further detail was appropriate before making any decision. First Selectman Meehan will request the officer to respond so the Board may make a decision. Ms. Tranchida and Mr. Patterson will be notified at that time.
- b. Based on the correspondence received from Linda Hansen concerning Citation No. A443 and review of the circumstances surrounding both the handicap space in question, the events associated with the Holiday Tree Lighting and handicap parking

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locations in the town, it was the conclusion of the Board that the penalty for the citation should be waived without prejudice.

4. 2013 Meeting Dates

- a. Schedule of meetings for 2013 were distributed; any meeting for which there is not a request for review presented will be cancelled with appropriate notification to the Town Clerk.

5. Review of Ordinance

- a. The enabling Ordinance and associated materials relative to the Citation Review process were reviewed with First Selectman Meehan. Potential modifications to the Ordinance were discussed and will be investigated by Mr. Meehan. These changes could include assessment of a penalty fee for non-appearance by someone requesting review, the process which the Town may now or in the future follow in the implementation, enforcement and collection of fines, fees or penalties based on actions by the Board and any other measures that may be appropriate based upon his findings.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie Perreault

Acting Secretary