

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

Citation Review Board
Minutes of Meeting of April 9, 2018

PRESENT: Bettie Perreault, Rick Schreiber and Alexander Tow, 6 Maple Street, Chester.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Alexander Tow spoke in connection with a Request to Review Citation, Citation No. 0564 – Overtime Parking, explaining that he has resided at 6 Maple Street since 2016, and that he, as well as other family members, have frequently parked on Maple Street in front of that residence, often for extended periods of time, without having been issued any violation notices citing either State regulations or Town regulations. Mr. Tow said the Town had not issued any type of notification to residents to indicate that enforcement of parking regulations would be implemented. He also confirmed that he is aware of the signage on Maple Street: one sign at the first of three vertical parking spaces indicates a two-hour limit between the hours of 8 AM – 9 PM, while a second sign next to a utility pole above the third vertical space indicates a two-hour limit between the hours of 8 AM – 6 PM, where there also is a sign directing to the Municipal Parking Lot. Both locations include signage for “No Parking” during snowstorms. Mr. Tow confirmed that his vehicle had been parked for more than the two-hour limit as indicated on Citation No. 0564.

Both Board members advised Mr. Tow that it appeared that the Citation, as issued, was valid, that the vehicle had been parked beyond the indicated two-hour limit. It was recommended to Mr. Tow numerous times that he address his concerns about the lack of notification of impending action as well as the lack of available parking in close proximity to residences to the Town’s Police agencies and/or officials. Mr. Tow further suggested that residents/tenants be offered a reserved/dedicated parking space upon payment of a modest annual fee. Mr. Tow left the meeting at this juncture.

Board members reviewed the information provided by Mr. Tow, considered the fact that the Citation itself had been issued in compliance with posted regulations, and recognized that the Board does not have the jurisdiction to void a valid police enforcement action without mitigating circumstances, which in their opinion had not been provided by Mr. Tow’s evidence.

On motion by Schreiber, seconded by Perreault, Citation No. 0564 remains valid as issued.

The enabling Ordinance for the Citation Review Board was reviewed, with particular note of the complications procedure enforcement measures require. A review and potential revision or modification of the Ordinance should be considered to allow more expeditious administrative enforcement practices. By these minutes, the suggestion will be transmitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2016 – no meetings were held between that date and April 9, 2018:

On motion by Schreiber, seconded by Perreault, the minutes as filed were approved.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie Perreault

Acting Secretary