

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER CONNECTICUT
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Town Hall Lobby
Chester, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Gister called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectwoman Gister, Selectwoman Janecek, Selectman Grzybowski, Vin Germini and Ben Belisle, Hose Company.

Charlene Janecek made a motion to add to the agenda the approval of the September 12, 2018 meeting minutes. James Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

CEDAR LAKE WATER SUPPLY

Vin Germini reported that he would like to apply, on behalf of the Hose Company, for a shared grant in an amount up to \$3,000 to install a “water hole” at Cedar Lake/West Main Street beach area. The project would include the installation of a tank and piping to the lake. This site would be used by the Fire Department as a fill site for tanker trucks. The grant application is due on 11/1/18 and if awarded, the project must be completed by December 1, 2019.

Mr. Germini provided a map of the proposed site for the water hole showing ample space at the location to facilitate the project. He also provided an overview of the parameters of the project.

There is a stand pipe currently located at the site. The department has had issues with this stand pipe and weeds in the area. Also, the stand pipe is not located in an appropriate area.

The Cedar Lake Water Shed Committee and the Inland Wetland Commission have been consulted on the proposed project and there have been discussions regarding the installation of a Benthic Barrier to address the weeds. Also, the Cedar Lake Water Shed Commission may have information needed regarding the potential of “species of concern” in the lake and will be consulted regarding same.

The estimated cost of the project is \$7,500 to \$10,000. If the entire \$3,000 grant is received, Town funds may be necessary for the project and will be requested via the Fire Department’s budget. Other grant opportunities will also be pursued for the project.

Additional information needed for the grant application will be provided by First Selectwoman Gister.

MUNICIPAL BALLOT PROPOSAL continued discussion

In an effort to shorten the Chester Municipal ballot and attract volunteers to serve on Boards and Commissions, the BOS has been discussing the possibility of making some board/commission seats appointed rather than elected. Any change to the ballot would require approval at a Town Meeting.

Lauren distributed a draft e-mail to Board/Commission Chairs requesting their feedback on the BOS proposal to shorten the ballot. BOS members had no changes to the draft and the e-mail will be forwarded to Chairmen as soon as possible.

MAIN STREET PARKING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The BOS reviewed the latest proposal provided by Jacobson and Associates regarding the downtown “wall” area of the Main Street project. Fire Department, Police Department and other emergency service providers attended the recent Main Street Committee members to provide input on the proposal. Mike Joplin will meet with the Fire Chief and police representatives, Jacobson and Brian Kent to discuss the plans further and move forward with design drawings.

The next Main Street Committee meeting is scheduled for 10/23 @ 7 p.m. At that meeting, the Committee will vote on the final design of the project. The drawings must be 70% complete before another public hearing is scheduled.

Jacobson is exploring the possibility of moving the handicap parking spot across the street; however, this may not be possible due to the slope of the road.

EMPG

Charlene Janecek made the following motion with regard to the EMPG Grant:

Resolved that the BOS may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate and;

Further resolved, that Lauren S. Gister, as First Selectwoman of the Town of Chester, is authorized and directed and to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the BOS and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents;

The undersigned further certifies that Lauren S. Gister now holds the office of First Selectwoman and that she has held that office since November 17, 2015.

James Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN’S REPORTS

Jamie reported that the tree removal project relative to the solar project at Chester Elementary School is on-going. The roof portion is completed but the solar inverter has not yet been installed. James plans to reevaluate what trees need to come down from the vantage point of the roof.

Lauren reported that Ron Rose, Building Official has offered his resignation effective 1/1/19. He is willing to stay on until a replacement is found. The Building Official job description will be reviewed and the 12 hour per week position will be posted.

The paperwork regarding the proposed Cherry Hill project was included in the BOS packet. A BOS walk-through of the facility will be scheduled as soon as possible. Lauren has reviewed the project with Dale Kroop, Grant Writer. He saw no impediment to the Town applying for the grant on behalf of Cherry Hill.

This item will be discussed further at the next BOS meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Charlene Janecek made a motion to appoint Carolyn Kane, R, to a full seat on the Harbor Management Commission with a term to expire 10/3/19. James Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlene Janecek made a motion to approve the September 12, 2018 BOS meeting minutes as presented. Laruen Gister seconded the motion. The motion passed with Lauren and Charlene voting “aye” and James abstaining from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlene Janecek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. James Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk