

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Community Meeting Room
Chester Town Hall
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, and Chief Brainard.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

CHERRY HILL IMPROVEMENT REQUEST

As previously discussed, the management of the Cherry Hill complex, (the only designated affordable housing in Chester) has requested that the Town submit a Small Cities grant application on their behalf for upgrades to heating systems, paving, sidewalks and windows. Cherry Hill has forwarded to the BOS leases, financial reports, etc. for board review.

Lauren reported that she has discussed the project/request with Dale Kroup, Grant Writer. In his opinion, there is no other project in Chester that would meet the application deadline. He had no reservations about working with the Town on a grant application; however, he stressed the importance of knowing what the focus of the Small Cities Grant will be for this round of requests. It is expected that this information will be available in November.

The BOS scheduled a walkthrough of the complex on Monday 10/29/18 @ 2:30. Lauren suggested that BOS members develop any particular questions they may have regarding the proposed project to be addressed by management at the walkthrough.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Lauren reported that to date; only one response has been received regarding the e-mail sent to Board/Commissions relative to the BOS's proposed revisions to the ballot. The due date for responses is 11/2/18.

Liberty Street Bridge – Arborio Corporation provided a time and material quote in the amount of \$183,000.00 to address the necessary repairs to the Liberty Street Bridge as a result of the 9/25/18 storm. Arborio Corporation did the work on the Main Street Bridge. Jacobson & Associates will be involved in the project and status reports, including financial information, will be submitted regularly throughout the project.

Jamie Grzybowski made a motion to authorize First Selectwoman Gister to negotiate and enter into a contract with Arborio Corporation for emergency repairs to the Liberty Street Bridge, in an amount not to exceed \$205,000.00. Charlene Janecek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On-going clean up/repair of box culverts, etc. is being addressed by Public Works. Public Works and Jacobson will meet to discuss the areas needing attention. Inland/Wetland will be updated on all projects.

The E-Team is hosting a Sustainability Fair on Saturday, 10/27 @ the Meetinghouse. An event is also scheduled at the War Memorial on Saturday, 10/27. Please note that the impending weather may impact both of these events.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A letter from the Central Regional Tourism District was received regarding the re-appointment of Ed Ward to the committee. Lauren will follow-up with Ed to see if he has an interest in serving on this committee. If not, she will send out, in the e-newsletter, a request for an individual interested in serving on this committee.

Charlene Janecek made a motion to re-appoint the following individuals:

Lisa Wahle and Rick Holloway to the Conservation Commission for 4 year terms expiring 11/1/22, Patricia Bandzes to EDC for a 5 year term expiring 11/1/23, and Ivey Gianetti and Deron Gabel to Park & Rec. for a 3 year terms expiring 11/1/21.

Jamie Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lauren reported that Emily Masters is not interested in being re-appointed to the Retirement Board and the Emergency Medical Services Council. Her term(s) expire in December.

Deb Calamari, Town Clerk, forwarded to BOS and Town Committee Chairs the list of vacant Board/Commission seats.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jamie Grzybowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/10/18 BOS meeting as amended and the 10/16/18 BOS meeting as presented. Charlene Janecek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correction to 10/10/18 minutes: page 1 – under “Cedar Lake Water Supply” – 3rd paragraph – change “at the site” to “on Cedar Lake Road”.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamie Grzybowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Charlene Janecek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk