

THESE MINTUES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
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, Selectman Grzybowski and Selectwoman Janecek.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Lauren Gister made a motion to appoint Benjamin Belisle, R, to the Retirement Board with a term to expire 12/16/21. Charlene Janecek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATES

Lauren Gister reported that the recent Region 4 budget workshop was cancelled due to inclement weather. The meeting was re-scheduled on 3/6/19. This information will be posted in the town wide E-mail.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

The Public Hearing on the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was conducted on Monday, 2/25/19. The meeting went well and was attended by approximately 25 individuals (excluding P&Z members). All comments received in the First Selectman's office were given to P&Z for their review. After the Public Hearing, P&Z met to work on edits to the document.

The Public Meeting was continued until 3/7/19 and to meet the deadline, the POCD must be approved by 3/14/19.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

James Grzybowski reported that 23 trees must be removed (at the contractor's expense) to accommodate the solar project at the school; including the "Project Adventure" tree. The contractors will not remove the "Project Adventure" tree until further discussion with Jamie. Also, Jamie has reviewed all bills associated with the project and they are in order. Said bills will be reviewed again in 2 months. The E-Team will be involved in the review/assessment of the bills.

Lauren reported that she continues to work with State and Federal agencies on the damage assessments and claims relative to the September storm. Repair estimates for the beach and park areas are currently being developed. NRCS is completing damage assessments relative to the debris in the streams and the bank support. Due to endangered species in the areas, estimates have not yet been determined. NRCS will pay 75% of the costs and Chester may apply through DEEP for the remaining 25%.

Lauren reported that the Town must use funds from the Small Cities Grant already in place (rehabilitation loans) towards the proposed Cherry Hill grant application. Dale Kroop, Grant Writer, understands that the Town does wish to continue with the rehabilitation loans and will incorporate this information into the grant application. The grant application also calls for information on recent Capital projects. It is anticipated that all appropriate paperwork relative to the Small Cities Grant application will be available for BOS review in the near future.

Charlene reported that the Main Street Committee has a meeting scheduled with Jacobson and Brian Kent on 3/12/19.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlene Janecek made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/13/19 BOS meeting. James Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlene Janecek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. James Grzybowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk