

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

Citation Review Board

Minutes of Meeting of April 8, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting, which was held in the staff room of the Town Office Building, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Kathy Merola, Bettie Perreault, Rick Schreiber and Whitelaw Wilson. Also in attendance was Jillian Vogt.

2. Request to Review Citations

a. Jillian Vogt – Citation No. A650

Ms. Vogt advised she did not believe that she had been traveling at the reported 52 MPH, as indicated on the Citation issued. She did indicate, however, that she might have been “slightly exceeding” the posted 30 MPH speed limit. It was pointed out that the Citation included notation, “...clocked operator Jillian Vogt at 52 MPH in the 30 MPH zone at Camp Hazen.” Note was made of the fact that Camp Hazen-YMCA is active year-round, with campers, staff and others crossing Route 148 at any time, day or night, every day. Ms. Vogt said that as the result of a serious accident, both she and her son (1½ years old), who was a passenger in the vehicle when stopped, had been injured, making her very conscious of speeding and safety, repeating her assertion that she did not believe she had been traveling that fast.

Ms. Vogt was advised that the Board would review her testimony and render a decision, and that she would be notified of the action taken.

Board members discussed the proceedings, noting that all were familiar with the area in question, the pedestrian activity associated with the Camp as well as the nearby Pelletier Park beach area of Cedar Lake. While Ms. Vogt had confirmed that she may have, in fact, been exceeding the posted speed limit, the Citation itself indicated the speed had been “clocked” (presumably by radar) by the issuing officer, and there was no evidence to the contrary.

Based on the evidence presented, **on motion by Kathy Merola, seconded by Whitey Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the Citation as issued, with the fine indicated due and payable at this time.** Notification will be sent to Ms. Vogt by the Town.

3. Guests

There were none present.

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4. Other

Nothing was brought up at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2019

**On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Whitey Wilson, the minutes as filed were approved.**

6. Old Business

a. Status of Review of Citation Process

The Ordinance Regarding Hearing Procedures for Citations and other Fines, adopted at Town Meeting in February 2019 had been distributed to members prior to the meeting. All present were familiar with the procedure; there was no further discussion.

7. New Business

Nothing was brought forward.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct,

**On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Whitey Wilson, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Bettie Perreault*

Acting as Secretary