

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

Citation Review Board

Minutes of Meeting of June 10, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting, held in the lobby conference room of the Town Office Building, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Kathy Merola, Bettie Perreault and Rick Schreiber. Also in attendance was Thomas Doak.

2. Request to Review Citations

a. Thomas Doak– Citation No. A658

Mr. Doak provided his recollection of his actions in connection with the Citation issued at 12:56 A.M. for “Failure to obey a Stop Sign”, stating that he had applied his brakes as he was exiting Route 9, southbound, at Exit 6, and that the officer was stationary, eastbound on Route 148 at the underpass. He noted that he works second shift and was on his way home, and said he had explained this to the officer.

Information provided on the Citation by the issuing officer stated the officer was stationary, westbound a short distance from the ramp, and that the “vehicle failed to stop for the posted stop sign” and “only slowed down with brake lights on briefly”.

Based on the Citation documentation, with the officer’s stated location having a clear view of the stop sign area, and finding no mitigating evidence, **on motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the Citation as issued, with the fine indicated due and payable at this time.** The Town will send notification to Mr. Doak.

b. Ingelise Puzano, Citation No. 660 **and** Frederick Murray, Citation No. 661

Both Citations were issued for parking in a Chester-regulated “No Parking Zone”. Photos were provided by both the issuing officer and those cited. It was noted the Public Works Department had, within a few days of issuance of the Citations, trimmed back brush and foliage around the signs.

Based on the fact that the signs were subsequently cleared of brush and foliage as well as the photos provided, it appears that the regulatory signage was not clearly evident to those using the area and **on motion by Kathy Merola, seconded by Rick Schreiber, the Board voted unanimously that the vehicle owners cited were not at fault and the Citations issued (No. 660 and No. 661) are discharged.**

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Recommendation will be made to the Town that the Public Works Department be asked to maintain a clear and unobstructed view of regulatory signs.

3. Guests

There were none present.

4. Other

Nothing was brought up at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2019

On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, the minutes of April 8, 2019 as filed were approved.

6. Old Business – Review of Citation Review process following adoption of new Ordinance.

There was nothing available for review.

7. New Business

Nothing was brought forward.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct,

On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie Perreault

Acting as Secretary