

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

Citation Review Board

Minutes of Meeting of July 8, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting, held in the Town Office Building, was called to order at 7:01 P.M. Present were Kathy Merola, Bettie Perreault and Rick Schreiber. Also in attendance was Matthew Ferucci.

2. Request to Review Citations

- a. Matthew Ferucci, 254 Roast Meat Hill Road, Killingworth
Chester Citation No. A635 - Traveling unreasonably fast.

Mr. Ferucci explained that at the time he was issued the above-referenced Citation he was westbound on Route 148 with his father in the vehicle with him. He noticed the stationary police vehicle, began to slow down as he checked his speedometer, which he recalled as registering in the mid-40 MPH range. When the officer stopped him, he advised he had been clocked at 50 MPH; there apparently was minimal conversation during the process. Officer Craig Lee subsequently confirmed for the Board that when/if he issues a Citation for speeding it is in response to information recorded by the laser radar equipment in the Town's Ford vehicle.

Board members, all familiar with the area on Route 148 approaching Camp Hazen-YMCA/Cedar Lake, noted the presence of two 30 MPH speed limit signs and additional pedestrian crossing signage, westbound on Route 148 at that point. It was also noted that there are frequent pedestrian crossings of Route 148 at both Camp Hazen-YMCA and the Town's Cedar Lake Beach area during both day and evening hours.

Mr. Ferucci was advised that the Citation was a Town-initiated action, not reported to the CT DMV or other State agencies, and that the fine levied was significantly lower than would have been charged if a State infraction had been issued, with any/all charges reported to State agencies.

3. Guests

There were none others present.

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4. Other

Board Members had heard Mr. Ferucci's recollections of the incident, recognized that the evidence provided through the Citation issued and the accompanying detail provided by Officer Lee supported issuance of the Citation.

On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, it was unanimously voted to hold the Citation as issued, with the required fine due and payable.

4. Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2019

On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, the minutes of June 10, 2019 as filed were approved.

5. Old Business – Review of Citation Review process following adoption of new Ordinance.
There was nothing provided for review.

6. New Business
Nothing was brought forward.

7. Adjournment
There being no further business to conduct,

On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bettie Perreault
Acting as Secretary