

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

Citation Review Board

Minutes of Meeting of August 12, 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 Samuel Chorches.

2. Request to Review Citations

- a. WITHDRAWN - Jahnnny Pacheco, 121 Francis Street, New Britain, CT 06053 - Chester Citation No. A637; failure to obey a Stop Sign at Cedar Lake Road/David Road. July 30, 2019 correspondence from Mr. Pacheco advised, "I am choosing to withdraw the request for review...." and was accompanied by payment of the applicable fine. No actions were taken.
- b. Samuel Chorches, 3 Maple Street, Chester - Chester Citation No. A667 - Overtime Parking (2 hours) on Maple Street.

Mr. Chorches advised he is a 20-year resident of Chester, active in the community, and professionally serves as an arbitrator. His vehicle identified on the Citation, displays both Century Club and CT State Police emblems. Notations on the Citation indicate the issuing officer reported numerous times during the day while the vehicle parked and attempted to contact the owner at the address given. Mr. Chorches reported he had parked his vehicle and taken books upstairs to his apartment, got involved in tasks and simply lost track of the time. Mr. Chorches provided photos he had taken of other vehicles parked in the same location at various times.

Board members noted that there is a "Two Hour Parking" sign on Maple Street that is located approximately three parking spaces up the hill from the one for which the Citation was issued, and that foliage effectively obscures the sign from clear view. The signage also does not clearly indicate the parking spaces for which the two-hour time limit applies.

3. Guests

There were no others present.

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4. Review of and Decision on Citation Review Request

Board members reviewed their individual reports of the location and visibility of the two-hour parking limit sign, pointing out that overgrown foliage obstructed clear view of the sign and was also so located as to not be visible to a vehicle circumnavigating the flagpole circle. Recommendation will be made the appropriate Town officials that remedial actions be taken to provide better visibility and/or location of signage limiting length of parking times for the affected parking spaces.

**On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, it was unanimously voted to waive the fine in connection with Citation A667 as being warranted by mitigating circumstances (lack of clear visibility).**

4. Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2019

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

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

There was nothing provided for review. It was noted that no revisions to the current Citation form have been suggested. Revisions had been recommended at a joint meeting held in May 2018 with members of this Board and representatives of the Board of Selectmen and Police Department

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 7:26 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Bettie Perreault*

Acting as Secretary