

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Chester Town Hall
Community Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Gister called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included First Selectwoman Gister, Selectwoman Janecek, Selectman Englert, James Grzybowski, and several members of the audience.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS – None.

SMALL CITIES GRANT RESOLUTION

As part of the Small Cities Grant (Cherry Hill rehabilitation project) bid protocol, the BOS must adopt the following resolution within 30 days of grant submittal:

Charlene Janecek made the following motion:

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part IV of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Chester make application to the State for \$800,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part IV of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Chester in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectwoman of Chester is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Chester.

Tom Englert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

Chief Grzybowski briefed the BOS on the status of the oil tank located at CES. DEEP requires that the tank be removed. One bid was received for removal of the oil storage tank. That bid came in much higher than anticipated. DEEP allowed the tank to be tested and as a result, a ten-year extension was granted. The tank must be tested annually and if it fails, it must be replaced within 60 days of failure. The project will be put out to bid again and the school will apply for a School Construction Grant to fund a portion of the project and a Capital request will also be submitted for the project.

Lauren reported:

- The DOT informed her that Authorization to Award Bid Letter relative to the Main Street Project was being forwarded to the Town this afternoon.
- Meeting House Floor – The project is nearing completion; after the sanding is completed, the contractor will install baseboards, etc. prior to applying the finish to the floor. It is anticipated that the project will be complete by the end of March.
 - Fire hazards uncovered during the project have been addressed
 - Structural issues uncovered during the project (replacement of trusses, support beam) are being addressed.
 - Additional funds, if necessary, will be taken from the Buildings/Grounds account.
- Corona Virus – the WHO has recently labeled the virus a “pandemic”. Nursing homes have restricted visitors; many events throughout Town have been cancelled including musicals, CIAS sports and Park & Rec. programs and local businesses are being negatively impacted. A meeting is scheduled with the tri-town Selectmen tomorrow and will also include Fire Chiefs, Police, Emergency Management personnel. The Health District has been forwarding information and the Town’s website will be updated, town-wide emails will be sent as appropriate, etc.
 - Discussions regarding elections, budgets, school referendum, etc. have been initiated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Englert made a motion to approve the February 26, 2020 BOS minutes as presented. Charlene Janecek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Englert made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 BOS minutes as amended. Charlene Janecek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correction: Note that the meeting took place on March 4, 2020 (Heading).

Page 1 – second to last paragraph – Note proper spelling “Lauren”

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Chief Grzybowski updated the BOS on the Hose Company’s vehicle replacement proposal relative to the potential re-build of the brush truck (1974 Dodge) and replacement of other department vehicle (s). This will be discussed further at a future BOS meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski, Clerk