

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

Citation Review Board

Minutes of Meeting of July 13, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting, held in the Town Office Building, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Kathy Merola, Bettie Perreault, Rick Schreiber and Whitey Wilson. Audience of citizens: Robert Galbraith, Philip Reynolds, Nicholas Klomp, Sean Monahan and Ann Carl.

2. Request to Review Citations: Bettie Perreault advised that Citations issued for motor vehicle offenses are local in nature and are not reported to DMV or for insurance purposes. It was also pointed out that Citation fines are significantly less than those for State violations of the same nature.

- a. Citation #026-0102 - Robert Galbraith for No Parking Zone - Parker's Point Ramp. Mr. Galbraith said has been a resident of Chester for a number of years, did not know that a Town permit was required at this boat launch ramp, and that the sign advising of the requirement for a Town permit was covered by branches and a driver approaching the launch area would not notice the sign.
- b. Citation #026-0103 - Abran Smith for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Ridge Road/Brooks Lane. Mr. Smith had advised prior to the meeting that he would be out of town; his request for review will be included at the next meeting of the Citation Review Board.
- c. Citation #026-0554 - Philip Reynolds for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Straits Road/Maple Street. Mr. Reynolds said visibility on Straits Road approaching the stop sign from the north was impeded by rock outcropping and shrubbery, that he had stopped behind the vehicle ahead of him at the stop sign, and then proceeded until he was able to see any vehicle on Maple Street and then continued driving. There was discussion about the possibility of relocating the stop sign to allow visibility onto Maple Street. (This Board will request the local Police Department to review the location in light of these observations and make adjustments if appropriate.) Mr. Reynolds said the officer issuing the Citation was extremely polite and courteous throughout the exchange.
- d. Citation #026-0105 - Nicholas Klomp for Traveling Unreasonably Fast - Route 148/Cedar Lake. Mr. Klomp advised he was not familiar with Chester roads and he had noted signage reducing the speed limit from 35 MPH to 30 MPH. He acknowledged that he had probably been traveling over the 35 MPH limit but did not believe he was going as fast as the Citation stated. (He was advised officers utilize lazar radar.) Board members advised that the activity at Camp Hazen and Cedar Lake beaches, with pedestrian crossings made reduced speed limits important and officers are diligent in protecting safety in that location.

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- e. Citation #026-0113 - Sean Monahan for No Parking Zone - Cedar Lake Road/Lakeview Terrace. Mr. Monahan said he was a life-long resident of Chester, that his parents are divorced and he was driving his father's vehicle, which is registered in Niantic, Connecticut. It did not have a Town permit. He said he did not see the signage advising a permit is required. He advised that his mother's vehicle does have a permit.
  - f. Citation #026-0117 - Ann Carl for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Straits Road/Maple Street. Ms. Carl reported a similar situation as had earlier been voiced by Mr. Reynolds.
3. Guests
- There were none present.
4. Review of and Decision on Citation Review Request
- a. Citation #026-0102 - Robert Galbraith for No Parking Zone - Parker's Point Ramp. After reviewing Mr. Galbraith's information and Board Members' personal knowledge of the Parker's Point boat launch area, **On Motion by Whitey Wilson, seconded by Rick Schreiber, the Citation remains in effect and the fine becomes due and payable.** Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Citation #026-0554 - Philip Reynolds for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Straits Road/Maple Street. With note of the Board's intention to ask the Police to review the location of the stop sign at Straits Road/Maple Street and Mr. Reynolds' explanation of his travel through the intersection, **On Motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Whitey Wilson, the Citation remains in effect and the fine becomes due and payable.** Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Citation #026-0105 - Nicholas Klomp for Traveling Unreasonably Fast - Route 148/Cedar Lake. Reviewing the importance of protecting pedestrians in that area of Route 148 and Mr. Klomp's acknowledgment that he probably had been traveling faster than the posted speed limit, **On Motion by Kathy Merola, seconded by Rick Schreiber, the Citation remains in effect and the fine becomes due and payable.** Motion passed unanimously.
  - d. Citation #026-0113 - Sean Monahan for No Parking Zone - Cedar Lake Road/Lakeview Terrace. The Citation references the vehicle owned by Sean Monahan's father, which does not have a Town permit. It was also noted that there are two signs at that parking area advising of the requirement for a Town permit, which Mr. Monahan did not notice. (Mr. Monahan confirmed that other vehicles in Chester now have Town permits.) **On Motion by Whitey Wilson, seconded by Rick Schreiber, the Citation remains in effect and the fine becomes due and payable.** Motion passed unanimously.

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e. Citation #026-0117 - Ann Carl for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign - Straits Road/Maple Street. With note of a similar situation earlier in this meeting and similar conditions, **On Motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Whitey Wilson, the Citation remains in effect and the fine becomes due and payable.** Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes - October 14, 2019

**On motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Kathy Merola, the minutes of October 14, 2019 as filed were approved.**

6. Old Business - there was none.

7. New Business - there was none.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bettie Perreault*

Acting as Secretary