

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 20, 2022
Community Room
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Hare called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance included: John O'Hare, Deb Vilcheck, John Chillock (not seated), Bill Bernhart, Andrew Gardner, Michael Jordan (seated), Roger Lebreque (seated), and First Selectwoman Janecek.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/15/22

Andrew Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/15/22 meeting as presented. Deb Vilcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Charlene reported:

- Masonicare withdrew their complaint against the Town for 2018, 2019 and 2020. They continue to contest 2021 and 2022. (note that they did not go to the BAA for these years).
- St Joseph's sold 3 acres of property to an affordable housing company (100% affordable housing). They are a "for profit" entity.
- Chester was awarded a \$500,000 STEAP Grant to improve N. Main Street (from 148 to the bridge before Norma Terrace). The project includes sidewalks, drainage, and paving.
 - The BOS will request funds (possibly ARPA) to extend the sewer line in that area while the road is under construction.
 - There is an individual interested in the Goodspeed property.
- A third police officer has been hired (starting 11/1).
- The Assessor was hired last Spring with the understanding that she would take the certification class in October. Unfortunately, the class was cancelled and we now need to have the previous Assessor come in to certify the Grand List. The State requires this individual to come into the office and it will cost \$4,000 to have the Grand List certified.
- The Tree Warden position remains vacant. We are currently using Eversource's Tree Warden.
- An Inland Wetland Officer has been hired (part-time position).
- Charlene updated the Board on the status of the Kings Highway dam.
- The Cyber Insurance quote is at \$10,830.00 (the Town must have this insurance).

ARPA DISCUSSION

The recent Town Meeting approved all ARPA requests. The outstanding ARPA funds have been received. The potential use of ARPA funds for road projects was briefly discussed.

SUSPENSE LIST

Documentation, developed by the Tax Collector, relative to the Suspense List was included in the Board's packet.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Suspense List was unanimously accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports, developed by Peter Evankow, were included in the packet for BOF review.

2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

Deb Vilcheck made a motion to dedicate the 2021/22 to Virginia Carmany. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The parameters of the proposed EV project are in development.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk