

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Lignar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

First Selectwoman Lignar, Selectman Radicchi, Selectwoman Bandzes, Dick Leighton, Building Official/Fire Marshal, Cam Evangelisti, Public Works, Chief Grzybowski, Phil Reynolds (ZOOM), Ben Belisle, Roger Labrecque, BOF, and John Chillock, BOF. Approximately 4 other individuals were present in the Audience.

AUDIENCE – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Radicchi made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/13/24 Town Meeting as amended. Pat Bandzes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Note: proper spelling: Scherber

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Note: Under Approval of Minutes – page 1 - add that Cindy Lignar abstained because she was not present at the 2/13/24 meeting.

Under Bruce Sypher – Public Works Dept. Page 3 – add to the motion: “for the current fiscal year 23/24”.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT REQUEST - Parker’s Point

A proposal developed by the Harbor Management Commission, relative to the repair of the Parkers Point Boat Launch was included in the BOS packet (and attached). The document provides a brief history of the launch and breakdown of requested funding for repairs.

Paul Radicchi made a motion to transfer \$10,400.00 from the \$25,000.00 in Capital to the HMC Parkers Point Launch Repair Project for repairs. Pat Bandzes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SNACK SHACK LEASE UPDATE - Two Candidates

Cindy Lignar reported that two candidates have expressed an interest in leasing the Snack Shack. Their business plans are due to the First Selectwoman on Friday, 3/1/24. The BOS will discuss further at the next BOS meeting.

CHESTER HOSE COMPANY TAX ABATEMENT EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

Chief Grzybowski distributed a draft Tax Abatement/Exemption Ordinance. The current Ordinance allows for a \$1000.00 tax exemption based on an established point system. The proposal increases the tax exemption for qualified members to \$2,000 as updated by the Federal government. Chief Grzybowski was available to address questions/comments posed by BOS members.

Paul Radicchi made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement/Exemption Ordinance changes as presented and further moved to forward the Ordinance to the BOF and a Town Meeting for action. Pat Bandzes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

Cindy Lignar reported that the Charter Committee forwarded a draft Charter to the BOS on 2/14/24. A Public Meeting, as required, has been scheduled for 3/28/24 @ 7 p.m. at Town Hall and via TEAMS.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel Matter - Interview

Cindy Lignar made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. for a personnel matter (interview Public Works candidate). Pat Bandzes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Invited into Executive Session: Cam Evangelisti (exited at 6:57 p.m.).

Regular Session resumed at 6:58 p.m.

No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Bandzes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Paul Radicchi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk