

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN & BOARD OF FINANCE  
JOINT BUDGET WORKSHOP  
April 5, 2023  
Community Room  
Chester Town Hall and via TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Hare called the workshop to order for the Board of Finance at 6:00 p.m. In attendance included: John O'Hare, Deb Vilcheck, Bill Bernhart, Andrew Gardner, Steve Cline, John Chillock. John Chillock was seated for the vacant seat, Michael Joplin having resigned.

Selectman Ed Meehan called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. for the Board of Selectmen. In attendance: Ed Meehan and Thomas Englert.

Also in attendance were: Peter Evenkow, Finance Manager; Cameron Evangelisti, Temporary Foreman of the Public Works Department, Brian White, Superintendent and Robert Grissom, Finance Director of Region 4 School District joined at 7:00 p.m. and an audience of citizens.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The BOF reviewed and discussed the department budgets as submitted by Department Heads. Department Heads in attendance and available to respond to questions/comments posed by BOF members.

Budgets discussed include:

- Public Works Department - Cameron provided a detailed Powerpoint presentation identifying the department needs for brush and lawn maintenance as well as catch basin, town road and tree maintenance in support of the 2023 - 24 general fund budget request and the 2023 -24 capital fund request.
- Chester Elementary School - Brian While and Robert Grissom provided a detailed Powerpoint presentation identifying the Chester Elementary School needs in support of the 2023 - 24 general fund budget request and the 2023 -24 capital fund request.

The Board reviewed and discussed these requests as well as the 5 year Capital Budget requests through Infrastructure Board/Sidewalk/Bridge Repairs

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – James Gyzbowski commented on road repairs on Wig Hill; Richard Strauss commented on ADM's changing throughout the years and affecting the Town's share of the Supervision and Region 4 Budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and duly seconded, the workshop was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Vilcheck  
Clerk, Board of Finance