

TOWN OF CHESTER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / WATER COMMISSIONERS / ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2017

ATTENDANCE: BOS Chairman John Baldasaro and Clerk Rene Senecal. Town Administrator Patricia Carlino, Administrative Assistant Rosanne McClafin, Mike Donovan-Country Journal, Bob Daly, Gene Watters, Andy Myers, Olwen Dowling, Karen Marchetto, John Foley, Wilma Foley, Robert Johnson, Richard Holzman.

I. Chairman Baldasaro called to order the meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 10, 2017.

II. Minutes from meeting 06/26/2017 were approved and signed.

III. Warrants approved and signed.

Andy Myers/Hilltown Collaborative: Introduction of Jeanne LeClair, new Economic Development Coordinator. Jeanne holds MBA and MPP degrees, will be working out of Huntington in her new position. **Email address is jeanne@gatewayhilltowns.org**, phone is (413) 636-3476

IV.

V. Andy Myers/GRSD Budget: Discussion of version '2' of school budget. Chairman Baldasaro noted pleasant surprise with improved attitude during last school budget meeting and improved willingness of GRSD Committee to work with towns regarding budget development and increase communication. Andy Myers noted the desire to have third party facilitate future meetings. Discussion followed regarding cost for service and benefit. It was noted that Chester should wait to re-vote on school budget to see how Huntington and Russell vote in order to show continued support. Question of Hilltown Collaborative progress, A. Myers noted need additional towns to 'sign-on', Clerk Senecal remarked that Chester is "pioneering" this program, The State supports these efforts for shared services, could include school in the future for IT Services, Financial Services, etc., there is a lot of interest from citizens and there is "nothing to lose" by participation.

VI. 2018 Appointments: Chairman Baldasaro motioned to appoint:

Janice Brown, Ed Carrington, John Hultman and Barbara Shippee to Historical Commission

Bill Clark as Plumbing Inspector

Lyle Snide and Harry Sanner to Planning Board

Mary Ann Pease as Tax Title Custodian

Clerk Senecal seconded, unanimous, appointments made as read.

VII. Town Administrator/Patricia Carlino: Accountant to prepare final FY 2017 warrant 7/17/2017

VIII. Citizen Comments: Discussion of MASSWORKS GRANT application, on-line portal opens 7/24/2017 for application submissions. Chairman Baldasaro commented that sending letters of support to State Representative Steve Kulik and Senator Adam Hines may aid the award of this grant. Clerk Senecal noted that the Town's previous application and preparatory work to make "shovel ready" also reflects in favor of the towns commitment to the project. Olwen Dowling asked if it would be beneficial if representatives went to Boston to show support. Chairman Baldasaro commented he feels "now is the time to bring as much pressure as possible". Olwen Dowling asked about mowing and tree trimming on East River Rd., Clerk Senecal noted that the Highway Department holds 2 mower class licensing and has access to mower, mowing and trimming operation should begin as schedule allows. Richard Holzman asked what roads are to be paved this year-Chairman Baldasaro clarified, middle section of Johnson Hill, Lyon Hill and Eastern View. Chairman Baldasaro also noted new culverts on Johnson Hill have settled, also Maynard, Kinnebrook and Upper Round Hill Rd to be graded. Bob Daly asked about status of account balances, Town Administrator noted "still getting caught up". Bob Daly asked if there was progress made regarding the vandalism at the Emery St. ball lot, Chairman Baldasaro noted the investigation is undergoing. John Foley asked about reconstruction of the portion of Johnson Hill that "Beck did" due to the excessive crown-Clerk Senecal noted crown was expected to level out, Chairman Baldasaro remarked possible project for next year. Richard Holzman asked for Highway Department to add material to intersections of Abbott Hill and Ingell Rd and Abbott Hill and Brown Rd. John Foley asked about center road reflectors getting installed for safety, discussion road width requirements, Chapter 90 requirements for line painting and reflectors, cost, etc.

IX. Adjournment: There being no further business Chairman Baldasaro motioned to adjourn, Clerk Senecal seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Rosanne McClafflin

Minutes approved by:

John Baldasaro – Chairman

Barbara Huntoon – Vice-Chairman

Rene Senecal - Clerk