

**Town of Chester Board of Selectmen
Water Commissioners and Zoning Board of Appeals
Monday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Rd Chester MA**

Selectmen present : John Baldasaro, Barbara Huntoon , James Higby, Town Administrator Kathe Warden and members of the public

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Town Administrator and Country Journal recorded the meeting. Meeting minutes of 8/5/2019, 8/12/2019, 8/26/2019 were signed. Warrants were discussed and signed.

New Business

***Discussion of setting a date for Special Town Meeting** –A discussion of having a Special Town meeting to take care of past invoices that were received late along with transferring monies to cover the statutory method of assessment for the Gateway costs. Kathe said there may be a couple of more things that may need to be added. John said to schedule it for October 28 at 6:30pm and everyone agreed.

***Discussion of possible meeting between Water Treatment Operator and Select Board** – James would like to have a meeting with Bernie St Martin, to discuss Rich Gullick’s latest report. It is decided to see if Bernie could come to the September 23 meeting. Bob Daley asks if RCAP offers water treatment operators training, John said he didn’t believe they did.

***Mass DOT Project Development- Chester Rte. 20 Crosswalk at Maple St.** – John updates everyone on a letter received from DOT about a crosswalk being installed across Route 20 from Hampden St and Maple St, and crossing Williams St. The project is a district wide scheduled to start the spring of 2020 and take 2 years to complete.

Old Business

***Reappoint Sharon Hunton to Chester Water Improvement Committee**– wrong name was used in the original appointment - John said in the original appointment the wrong last name was used. Barbara makes a motion to reappoint and reaffirm Sharon Hunton to the Water Improvement Committee, James seconds the motion and all vote aye.

Town Administrator update

*Kathe said she had nothing at this time.

Dept. & Committee updates

***Terry Donovan – Animal Control Officer** – Terry said that a resident of Bromley Road is filing a dangerous dog complaint after being bitten. The dog has bitten 2 different people, though she didn’t know of the first bite till the second bite was reported. The dog is on a 10 day quarantine and must be on a leash when outside of the home. John asks Terry to do an investigation.

*Barbara said the Comcast contract came back with out changes, John said Eileen Casey will have to make the changes and get them back to the Town. Barbara said that unfortunately due to

the cost of a public broadcasting channel the Town can not subscribe to this service. The cost is approximately \$40,000.

*Barbara asked John if the tree service has looked at the tree at the cemetery. John said they haven't come to see it yet. John had been by and said if you look down the stone wall the tree is clearly not on town property.

*Barbara asked is there has been anything from Steve Salvini about the turnaround on Williams St. John has not heard from him. John asked Kathe to reach out to him and find out where it stands.

*Barbara asked about Jeanne LeClair, if she could come to a meeting to update the Board. Kathe said she would reach out to Jeanne and see when she is able to come to a meeting.

*James said he is finalizing the questions he wants to talk to Richard Gullick about. Kathe said Bernie had reached out and wanted Kathe to send some test results to Richard Gullick that he was looking for. .

Public Comments and questions

*Richard Holzman is concerned about the gravel project at Wilander's Field. He thinks they may be taking material out of there that should be used to level out the land. He would like to see it look better than it was before. John says if they are in the wetlands that it is DEP jurisdiction. John asked Kathe to talk to Jason Fogue to see if there was a DEP file number for the project and if he could report back to the Selectmen.

*Bob Daley asks about the parameters to comply with the water testing, John said that Rich Gullick would be better at answering that question. Bob asked if Richard Holzman and he could be put on the September 23 meeting agenda to talk about the transportation issues.

*John asked Gene Waters about the meeting with the Assessors, he said there hadn't been a discussion about RRG but that they would be meeting soon.

*Richard Holzman said he was meeting with the landscapers for the solar field tomorrow to discuss the vegetation that needed to be replanted.

James made a motion to adjourn at 6:27pm Barbara seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted

Katherine Warden

John Baldasaro– Chair

Barbara P. Huntoon - Vice

James Higby -Clerk

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