



CHESTER Water Commission
CHESTER TOWN HALL
Meeting Minutes
10 November 2022

Members Present: Lyle Snide (Chair)
Bob Daley
Tom Bean

Members absent: none

Others present: Andy Myers
Norma MacDonald (remote)

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

Item 1: The minutes from the 07 September meeting were unanimously approved.

Item 2: The recently submitted E&R (efficiency and regionalization) grant for Chester and Blandford was discussed; the intent is to use any approved funds for Chester to help fund a full time operator and purchase three new turbidity meters.

Item 3: Horn Pond status: There has been no response from the diver regarding a survey of the piping in Horn Pond. Given the time of year, the diver will be contacted to arrange a survey in the spring. The access road at the approach to Horn Pond is unusable due to its wet condition; will look for an alternative route for access.

Item 4: Reservoir dredging: The dredging permit process is a lengthy one involving multiple agencies (DEP, Army Corps of Engineers, Conservation Committee, Wildlife Service, etc.) and can take 6 to 9 months to complete. The first step will be to get an estimate of the amount in cubic yards of dredge material from the excavator (M&M) based on previous dredging and then contact DEP to initiate the permit process.

Item 5: Engineering study: Per the ACO, an engineering study to analyze the chemical treatment process must be done by May2023. Once a year's worth of biweekly sampling has been completed at the end of December, DEP will be contacted to get a recommendation for suitable engineering companies to conduct the study.

Item 6: Backflow prevention survey: a survey is required to be completed by March2023. Mass Rural Water and Housatonic Sampling will be contacted to see if either one of them can conduct the survey.

Item 7: A revised Water Regulations and Shutoff Policy was reviewed. Two changes were discussed: change the water turn on/turn off fee from \$50 to \$75 and determine what the current cost of a water meter is and update the meter fee accordingly.

Item 8: The Gateway Regional School intern program was discussed. It was determined that the liability to students doing OJT as interns with the water operator (operating valves, adding chemicals, etc.) needed to be reviewed. Also, projects and work for the interns needs to be discussed with the water operator.

Item 9: The commissioners unanimously agreed to repurpose the budgeted commissioner stipends for other budgetary needs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Submitted,

Lyle Snide, Chair, Water Commission