



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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Monday, March 25, 2024

Open meeting—This meeting was held in the Chester Town Hall Auditorium with a virtual option.

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro, Brian Fogue, and Andy Sutton. Also present Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Rich Holzman, Bob Daley, Mary Ann Pease, Don Humason, Craig Gauthier, Ro Mc Claflin, Annette Lamountain, Jess Slatcher, Jane Sutton, Liz Massa, Nick Chuisano, Chief Dubiel, Karen Savoy, Diane Hall, Veronica Marr, Chelsea Girton, Rachel Symski and Craig Boyer. Paul Lischetti from Hilltown CDC also was in attendance.

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Warrants, minutes and all correspondence were signed.

- **Paul Lischetti, Hilltown CDC- Chester Commons update**

Construction is about 40% complete. Was hoping to be further along but about 3 months behind. The elevator shaft is complete, first floor apartments almost completed. Will be providing a new boiler (propane) for the library. 2 separate meters. There will be two 1000gal tanks. His heating contractor will check the library radiators, may have to be replaced with baseboard. Paul also stated it will be necessary to shut off the heat to the library while work is done, he will be meeting with the Library trustees to decide how and when this is to be done. Paul also said they are buying two transformers, one for back up and has been speaking with CMELD to store and guidance. The goal is to have the work complete by the end of November.

- **Hilltown Community Ambulance- Mary Ann Pease**

April 18th 7-8pm in Stanton Hall in Huntington. Public meeting regarding Hilltown Operations. Very poor press in the local papers, misquotes etc.

Mary Ann read a letter from Ira Bresinsky PVPC. Regarding the mistakes in the articles and misquotes. John B. said Chester has always been very supportive of Hilltown Ambulance

- **BOH – Liz Massa –**

The shed at transfer station needs a broken window replaced and the other window to be reinstalled as it is leaking. Liz presented an updated bill from Haskell for \$800.00, a reduction from original bid by \$100.00. Nick has called about 5 other places but no one has gotten back to them. Brian Fogue made the motion to approve use of ARPA money (\$800) to use to repair both windows, John B. seconded. Both in favor. Andy Sutton was a no, stating he thought the money should come from the BOH expenses. Motion passed.

- **Eversource Proposal Update**

Six questions have been submitted to the website. John read them out to everyone. Diane (CMELD) wants copy of questions. Public Hearing tentative date April 22, 6:00pm.



- **Chief Jen Dubiel-**

Citing shortages of man power, one officer out on disciplinary, another out for medical, the Chief was asking if it would be OK to bring in Traffic control officers for Administrative help. 5-10 hours a week to keep caught up until someone can come back. Does not affect money amounts or anything.

John, Andy and Brian all said yes.

Brian asked how the search for a robo caller company is going. The Chief said she has contacted two other companies looking at costs.

- **Town Administrator Report**

- Safelight will be coming this week to fix the police cruiser window and the highway truck window that got broken in the ice storm over the weekend.

- Hazard Mitigation Plan is on going,

- Chester/Blandford Water meeting was last Thursday, went well. Mike, TA in Blandford sent proposed budget and hours for shared workers. Don will send on to water commissioners.

- Old school reuse committee is having a public meeting on Wednesday 3/27. Will be reviewing the top choices and will put together budget estimates. Bob Daley suggested a tour of the old school so people could see the shape it is in. Don would mention that to the committee.

- April 18th Hilltown Community Ambulance meeting , Stanton Hall in Huntington

- **Andy Sutton**

Front of town hall building should be repaired and cleaned up before the Theater starts. He feels the money can come from the old school maintenance account or town hall maintenance account. Andy Myers also said it could come from free cash.

- **Public Comment**

- Bob Daley wants status on insurance cost from MIIA. Are they going to do a reevaluation of the water department? The answer is no MIIA will not be doing another evaluation.

Bob also said they are scheduling a “meet the Candidates” meeting April 1 at 6:00

- Ro McClafin wants the BOS to issue a directive to the treasurer Dept to allow her read only access to water receivables. BOS directed Don to contact treasurers to pass that directive along.

- A Smith Rd resident (not a full-time residence) was asking about electricity up at his house. He was told to contact Eversource. He was also told Smith rd. is maintained by the town during the summer but only maintain up to the last full-time residence in the winter. He had a question about a culvert, he was directed to contact Chip.

John made a motion for a roll call vote to adjourn to executive session. 7:17

John Baldasaro- yes

Andy Sutton -yes

Brian Fogue- yes



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Respectfully Submitted

Terry Donovan
Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

3/28/24
Date Signed

John Baldasaro, Chairman
Andy Sutton
Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

Date Signed

Date Signed

Brian Fogue
Brian Fogue, Clerk

4/8/24
Date Signed