



**CHESTER Water Commission
CHESTER TOWN HALL
Public Hearing
Meeting Agenda**

6:pm 05 April 2024

Item 1 Review / approve 18 JAN Minutes
Action item Vote required

Item 2: Conduct a public hearing informing residents of proposed rate increase for FY2025. The rate increase is necessary to support day to day Personnel. Water rate increase of 25.4% = \$170 a Qtr,\$674 annually. An increase on the average annual bill of \$137 This rate is based on the SEPT 15 expiration of subsidy of the Efficiency and Regionalization grant
Action item..Vote required

Item 3: Update on overall operational improvements, including, change from 55gal to 15gal chlorine dels to control dosing efficacy, continuation of hydrant flushing of the distribution system, replacement of lower Prospect water line, install 5 new hydrants, cleaned/painted 50 hydrants, approved Phase 3 Watershed Management plan to continue select timber harvest from the 1000ac Town watershed, summer 2024

Item 4: Summary of approved grants, including:

- Asset Management Plan grant providing Training & GIS database of the distribution system
- . Lead Service Line Survey grant
- . Granulated Carbon Layer grant
- Expansion of E&R Grant, Blandford/Chester shared operator in training, extended to 15 SEPT
- Outreach to EPA & DEP seeking additional Fed/State Grant opportunities

Item 5: Acceptance of \$230,000 EPA GAC Filter Grant & Activated Carbon Bid

Action item ..Vote required

Any other business unknown 48 hrs before Posting