



**CHESTER WATER COMMISSION JOINT MEETING
with BECKET & CHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS
at CHESTER FIRE HOUSE**

29 January 2025 1000am

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Lora Wade, Paul Waite, Sean Fogue = Chester Conservation Committee
David Johnson, Doug Bessone, Jim Schaefer = Becket Conservation Committee
Jim Zimmerman, Bob Daley = Chester Water Commissioners

Members absent:

Frank Pero = Chester Water Commissioner

Others present:

Lyle Snide, Tom Bean, Andy Myers

Daley opened meeting at 1010am

Agenda Item #1

Status update discussion with Becket & Chester Conservation Commissions, of ongoing Horn Pond concerns... David Johnson, Chair Becket Cons Com

David Johnson updated all present on efforts to mitigate ongoing Property sales of Parcels abutting Horn Pond... marketed as Waterfront access. The proposed By-Law to address concerns, has failed to gain traction with the Becket By-Law Committee. David will explore placing additional signage at abutting ends of the 40ac Parcel currently offered For Sale on Bancroft Road... advertised as including 1800' of waterfront access. Signage to make clear Horn Pond is restricted use, drinking water. Additionally, David offered to collaborate with Chester Cons Com to develop a Charter, Fee structure & support. They will hold joint future meetings as needed.

Agenda item #2

Review & Approval of Minutes from 5 August 2024

Jim Z Moved to accept Minutes as printed

Seconded by Daley

Vote = 2 Yes 0 No

Agenda item #3

Commission re-organization

Jim Z Motioned to Elect Bob Daley Chair

Seconded by Daley

Vote - 2 Yes 0 No

Agenda item #4

FY'26 Draft Budget review

Andy Myers led a lengthy discussion of the proposed FY'26 Water Budget
Consensus reached on 7% increase to operating Budget, including Pay Rate of \$25Hr for
Tom Bean, while increasing anticipated funding of upgrades to \$50,000 from Retained
Earnings. Agreement to identify date for Public Rate Hearing asap.
No Vote taken

Agenda #5

Update on agreement with Huntington

Isaiah Solitario to begin 'cross-training in Huntington 23 FEB 2025

Agenda #6

Proposed discussion with GRSD..Apprentice Program

Agreed we will seek expansion of the 'Apprentice Program' with GRSD to build on
the success of the Program we proposed 3 years ago. Bob will schedule with
Supt Smidy

Motion to Adjourn by Jim Z ...seconded by Daley

Meeting Adjourned at 1:pm