

Chester Finance Committee Meeting

2/27/25 COA Room

In attendance: Sr. Judith Dalesandro, Florence Bolduc, Brian Forgue, Don Humason, Craig Gauthier and Mary Ann Pease, Joe Ryan, Andy Sutton and Terry Donovan *Nick Chisvano*
Absent: Bob Daley *Guests*

Schedule: 6 PM Terry Donovan, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Animal Control and Dog Officer

6:45 PM Kiersen Broman , Council on Aging

7:00 PM Kendall Bennet, Assessors

#1) Brian made motion to accept the February 20th meeting minutes, Sr. Judith 2nd. All in favor minutes approved. Brian to sign and give copy to Terry for Town Clerk records.

#2) Bryan reviewed revolving and Stabilization Accounts along with Capital Planning.

#3) The Fin Com has a reserve Account.

#4) Terry: Discussion regarding King Information systems coming in and shredding, and updating systems. All records for the town have been indexed with King Info and it is just a matter of adding new records to the index.

Terry would like to pay her Board of Registrars to get a stipend each year.

Terry is looking for a Town Clerk assistant. A discussion ensued about perhaps raising Dog Fees.

Discussion about the limitations Terry has in her Animal Control capabilities due to not having a working vehicle. She can't use her own personal vehicle. The vehicle she was using is sitting at the old grammar school. Something will need to be done about this.

Andy Sutton mentioned emailing Tax Bills to cut down on postage costs. Terry's expense budget up by \$1,000.

Terry submitted her budget requests.

#5) Kiersen: COA is not going to use the \$6,000.00 approved at a previous town meeting, it can go back into the general fund. It was mentioned a rumor was floating around about the COA closing. Per Kiersen the COA is not closing, due to illness and inclement weather programs have

been scaled back due to lack of attendance. Bob asked the question via email about lack of programming. It was stated they were going to start programming up again in the spring, however the same people complaining about lack of programming don't show up for what they do have.

Funding in the COA is adequate.

6) Kendall: Assessors, Kendal stated she will be leaving her position in 3 to 6 months. She is looking for a full-time job.

Bob asked the question about how many Senior Work off slots there were and are they all filled?

Per Kendal there are 10 Slots and they are all filled.

She has received pricing from her outside vendors and they are reflected on her budget request.

Discussion about education and what was required to be an assessor.

Next Meeting will be 3/6/25 in COA at 5:30

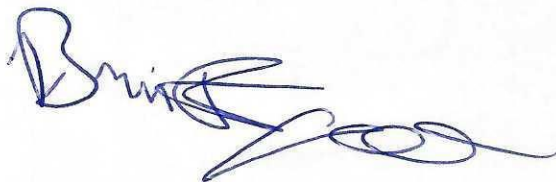
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Pease

Secretary

Veterans Agent up to \$6,453.-

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Pease", with a stylized flourish at the end.