

Regular meeting of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on **November 10, 2015** at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, NY, 12817.

Roll Call: Mike Packer, Karen DuRose, Steve Durkish, Edna Wells, Frederick H. Monroe, and Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner.

RESOLUTION #156: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13TH MEETING.

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mr. Packer, accept Minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting, as presented.

AYE 5 NO 0

(Yates septic system variance to be delayed until John MacMillen arrives).

Privilege of the floor.

Craig Leggett stated that Jason Monroe had asked him to announce that he had made arrangements with EMS, and to barricade Riverside Drive for Taste of the Tri-Lakes and the Christmas tree lighting which will take place on December 1st.

RESOLUTION #157: AUTHORIZE RIVERSIDE DRIVE BE BARRICADED ON DECEMBER 1ST FROM THE PANTHER MTN. HOUSE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE AND TASTE OF THE NORTH COUNTRY.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Durkish, close Riverside Drive on December 1st, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm for the lighting of the tree and Taste of the North Country.

AYE 5 NO 0

Linda Muench explained that the Tri-Lakes Business Alliance has a mission statement, and part of that statement includes beautification of the town. She stated that they realize they have had a lot of activities, but have not done a lot to beautify the town in order to attract businesses here. She has offered to head a beautification committee, and would like to work in conjunction with the Board on it. John West should also be involved.

Supervisor Monroe suggested that the Alliance submit their written intentions and a suggested budget, some of which could be funded through Occupancy Tax. Plans for the Hamlet of Pottersville should also be included, and the former beautification committee, which has become non-existent, should be dissolved before a new one is created.

RESOLUTION #158: DISSOLVE FORMER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Monroe, dissolve any current or former beautification committee in existence.

AYE 5 NO 0

Old business:

Biomass project. Boiler is expected to be delivered within the next week to 10 days, to Avril Cook in Massachusetts. He will store it until we are ready to install it. The existing two boilers feed into the same exhaust system, or stack, and since one of the boilers is being removed, the stack needs to be cut to isolate the existing working boiler from the one that is being removed. We received the needed approval of the specs from the State Architect through the USDA for the installation bid, so we are now ready to go out to bid for the installation of the boiler and for the construction of the silo for the pellet storage.

RESOLUTION #159: AUTHORIZE BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PELLETT STORAGE SILO, AND BID FOR CONTRACTOR FOR INSTALLATION OF THE PELLETT BOILER.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize the bid for contractor for installation of the pellet boiler, and bid for construction of the pellet storage silo.

AYE 5 NO 0

Mr. Monroe stated that he has signed the contract with the New York State Energy Research Development Authority, and we are now waiting for them (NYSERDA) to sign it.

New Ski tow.

John Nick has been working with Mr. Packer on the electrical requirements. One thing that needs to be done is an amendment to the original APA permit for the lights, as they don't currently meet the requirements. Cedarwood Engineering has done a new lighting plan and is working with the APA on that. We don't anticipate any problems with that, as it will make the hill safer for the skiers.

New business.

Committee reports: Mr. Packer stated that the bid has been sent out for timber harvesting, but he hasn't heard anything yet from Finch. (Finch has done the bidding).

RESOLUTION #160: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SALE AND DELIVERY OF FUEL OIL, DIESEL FUEL AND KEROSENE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize Town Clerk advertise for bids for sale and delivery of #2 Fuel Oil, Diesel Fuel and Kerosene. Bids to be opened on December 8th at 7:15 pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #161: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONTRACTS FOR NORTH WARREN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH WARREN EMERGENCY SQUAD, NORTH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT, CHESTERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT AND RIVERSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO; INC.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Town Clerk advertise the Public Hearing for contracts for North Warren Chamber of Commerce, North Warren Emergency Squad, North Creek Fire District, Chestertown Fire District and Riverside Volunteer Fire Co; Inc., to be held on December 8, 2015 at 7:20 pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #162: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WEEKLY SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize Town Clerk to advertise for bids for weekly Senior Citizen transportation, bids to be opened on December 8, 2015 at 7:25 pm.

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Yates septic system/well separation distance variance.

Supervisor Monroe turned the meeting over to Deputy Supervisor Mike Packer, and then recused himself, and left the room. Mr. Monroe had submitted a letter to the Board regarding this application. Copies of his letter were also given to the applicant and his representation.

Mr. Packer announced that the Board would resume the public hearing which had been tabled at the October meeting. Attorney Schachner gave the Board some direction with regard to any correspondence, and their options with regard to the decision making. The public hearing resumed at 7:25 pm.

The Board had requested at the October meeting that Cedarwood Engineering evaluate the documentation, the regulatory

requirements, and the site constraints related to the project. A letter from Cedarwood Engineering had been submitted, and Mrs. DuRose was asked by Mr. Packer to read the letter aloud to the audience. She then did so.

John MacMillen, representing the Yates', referred to Mr. Monroe's letter. He stated that the setbacks for the Monroe septic were exactly the same as the Yates' request for a well. The Monroe setback was for an improved septic system being located 75' from the existing well. The Yates' are proposing a well that will be 75' from the existing septic. He continued discussion about the property on the island that had been set aside for adding wells. He stated that he would have to take a track vehicle and dig through the Haberstock septic mound in order to even reach that property, which could not be done, or tear the entire road up, and go down the center of the road with the water line to reach the designated parcel.

Mr. Ron Gill, well driller, was also in attendance, and stated that the 75' separation distance was an arbitrary figure. He continued that they were proposing to put 50' of casing into bedrock and grouting it to protect the well from ground water, and stated that no effluent leaching could reach the well. He added that they were not influenced by the gravel on top.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, the public hearing closed at 7:40 pm. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Durkish stated that he would like to hear more from the engineers. A tentative special meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm. (My Note: This meeting will not be taking place, as the parties involved cannot all attend at that time. Therefore, the Yates project will be continued at the regular meeting on December 8th, at 7:00 pm.) Mr. Monroe returned and resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION #163: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize payment of abstracts and claims paid prior to audit:

General Fund	\$54,170.24	(469-521)
Highway Fund	\$38,409.52	(272-305)
Chester Water	\$ 1,297.33	(55-59)
Pottersville Water	\$ 1,025.34	(53-55)

Library	\$ 459.72	(75-76)
Loon Lake Park Dist.	\$ 736.94	(27-29)
Schroon Lk. Park Dist.	\$ 340.00	(22-22)

AYE 5 NO 0

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a three year contract with CSEA bargaining unit, consider revisions to CSEA health insurance buyout provisions, and discuss a Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary.

On a motion by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Monroe, Board out of Executive Session at 8:25 pm. No action taken.

RESOLUTION #164: ADOPT CSEA OFFER.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, adopt CSEA three year Contract.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #165: INCREASE INSURANCE BUYOUT UNDER NEW CONTRACT TO \$3,500.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, increase the insurance buyout under the new Contract to \$3,500.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #166: OFFER JOB OF SECRETARY TO ZBA TO BRANDI BESSETTE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, offer job of Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals to Brandi Bessette.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #167: AUTHORIZE JASON MONROE PURCHASE STAINLESS STEEL SANDER FROM TOWN OF BOLTON FOR \$400.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Highway Superintendent Jason Monroe to purchase a Stainless Steel Sander from the Town of Bolton for \$400.

AYE 5 NO 0

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Durkish, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk