

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF CHESTER VILLAGE BOARD
JANUARY 27, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: John Thomas BELL, Mayor
Alan BATTIATO, Trustee
Chris BATTIATO, Deputy Mayor
Brian BOONE, Trustee

PLAN COMMITTEE: Leslie SMITH, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Henry CHRISTENSEN, Village Board Attorney
John ORR, Code Enforcement Officer

NOT PRESENT: Elizabeth REILLY, Trustee

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Bell opened the Special Meeting at 9:35 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The proposed historic district overlays were briefly discussed to obtain details on what they mean for the residents. It was noted that some of the houses in the proposed overlays were built prior to 1925; the overlays would have additional requirements, but would not change the current zoning of the properties.

Steve Michalski of New Paltz advised he has been speaking to Beatrice Stern of the Chester Agricultural Center regarding an Agri-hood in the Village, which is a small, sustainable community connected by the black dirt. The Agri-hood would have a minimal impact on the Village.

Discussion was held regarding the committees:

- Would the details be decided by each committee?
- Would the committees meet regularly?
- Would the committee meet individually and then report back to the Village Board?
- Can someone join more than one committee? Is there a maximum number they could join?

Board/Committee Members assigned to each committee are:

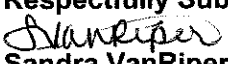
- Leslie Smith – Historic Preservation, Community Character, Aesthetics, Design Guidelines
- Chris Battiato – Transportation, Infrastructure
- Mayor Bell – Agriculture, Farmland Preservation, Natural Resources, Sustainability
- Elizabeth Reilly – Housing
- Brian Boone – Economic Development
- Alan Battiato – Recreation, Entertainment, Arts & Culture, Public Space, Open Space
- CEO John Orr – Government

Residents joined committees and had brief discussions with the Committee Leaders.

Nancy Proyect from the Citizens Foundation advised they have meeting space should the Village need it. The Citizens Foundation has also helped other municipalities with Place Making projects. Nancy also advised they can help finding a planner. She also noted that some planners have grant writers on staff.

The Board decided the next meeting would be for committees to meet and discuss their topics with those in attendance. ***MOTION** was made by Trustee Boone, second by Trustee Alan Battiato, to **SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Bell asked if there was anything else to discuss. As there were no other comments, ***MOTION** was made by Trustee Boone, second by Trustee Alan Battiato, to **ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra VanRiper
Planning Board Secretary