

**Board of Trustees
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held its monthly meeting at the Senior Center, 81 Laroe Road, Chester, NY at 7:00 pm, on Monday, February 14, 2022.

Members present: Mayor Christopher Battiato, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly, Trustee Alan Battiato, Trustee Brian J. Boone and Trustee Anthony Laspina.

Also, present: Deputy Clerk Jennifer Cruz, Clerk/Treasurer Angela O'Neill, Chief Timothy McGuire, Village Street Superintendent Charles Bono, Water Commissioner Gary A. Green Jr., Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr, and Attorney Brian Nugent.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Christopher Battiato called the meeting to order. Mayor Christopher Battiato asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the proposal for the Comprehensive Plan after looking at the plan on the website. The Public Hearing has been open since November 18, 2021.

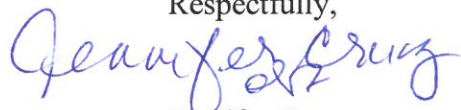
Anthony Quinn of 77 Main Street did have one concern. Section 25 NYS Real Property Law would give a tax break to people who are renting out apartments. He wants the board to analyze this before a local law is proposed. He is certain there would be a public hearing regarding this in the future.

Michelle Deshler of 1416 Whispering Hills mentioned that there are too many restrictions for new owners within the Historical Water/Overlay District within the Comprehensive Plan. She wants to know what the thought process is for the homeowners that are going to sell their house. There are many restrictions regarding colors and structures for example.

Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr stated that the Comprehensive Plan is merely a steering method. There is a lot of legislation that must be drafted out of this. That's when you really get into the fine tuning and the more in-depth conversations that need to be had regarding those issues. This is probably one to two years out, legislation will be needed to make this happen.

A motion to close the Comprehensive Plan was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, seconded by Trustee Anthony Laspina. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully,



Jennifer Cruz

Deputy Clerk