



## Town Board

### Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

September 26, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Chester convened at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York, at 4:30 pm.

#### Roll Call:

Supervisor Craig Leggett – Present  
Councilperson Chris Aiken - Present  
Councilperson Karen DuRose – Present  
Councilperson Mike Packer – Present until 5:33 pm  
Councilperson Larry Turcotte – Present at 5:12 pm via Zoom (non-voting)  
Deputy Supervisor Marion Eagan – Present  
Town Clerk, Mindy Conway – Present

#### Special Meeting:

Supervisor Leggett **opened** the Special Town Board Meeting at 4:39 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilperson Packer.

#### Septic Variance #SV2023-03 Carl Barlow:

Frank Palumbo from CT Male Associates was present representing the Applicant.

Frank Palumbo commented that everything in red on the plans was done by CT Male. Winchip Engineering designed the original plans (in black) and was unable to make modifications due to workload.

Frank Palumbo read over the following variances:

Variance Schedule SV2023-03 Carl Barlow							
Setback	Required Distance	Existing Distance	Existing Non-Conformity		Proposed Distance	Proposed Variance	
			Distance	Percent		Distance	Percent
Existing Well to Proposed Septic Tank	50'	21'±	29'±	58%±	13'	37'	74%±
Existing Well to Absorption Field	100'	94'±	6'±	6%±	63'	37'	13.7%±
Existing Well to Proposed Pump Chamber	50'	-	-	-	32'	18'	36%±

Supervisor Leggett asked the depth of the well. Frank Palumbo said he would have the depth by the public hearing.

Councilperson DuRose asked how many bedrooms. Frank Palumbo confirmed with Kelly Barlow that they brought the number of bedrooms down to five (5) instead of six (6), but the septic size is for six (6) bedrooms.

Supervisor Leggett asked what the distance to shoreline is. Frank Palumbo said the 100 ft. buffer is shown, so he would approximate the distance to be 200 ft. total.

**RESOLUTION NO. 144 OF 2023: DEEM SEPTIC VARIANCE APPLICATION #SV2023-03 FOR CARL BARLOW FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 76-70 CLARKSON ROAD, CHESTERTOWN TO BE COMPLETE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 7 PM**

**WHEREAS**, C.T. Male Associates has submitted a Septic Variance Application #SV2023-03 for Carl Barlow for property located at 76-70 Clarkson Road, Chestertown, New York, identified by Tax Map #: 86.19-1-2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, has reviewed the septic variance application and is satisfied with its completeness; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, deems Septic Variance Application #SV2023-03 for Carl Barlow for property located at 76-70 Clarkson Road, Chestertown, New York to be complete;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, sets a Public Hearing for #SV2023-03 on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7 pm at a Regular Town Board Meeting and directs the Town Clerk to publish the notice the public hearing in the Post Star newspaper.

On a motion by Councilperson Aiken, seconded by Councilperson DuRose, Resolution No. 144 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

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**Privilege of the Floor:**

Supervisor Leggett opened Privilege of the Floor at 4:48 pm.

Supervisor Leggett asked Bernie McCann to come up to the front. Bernie McCann said that we are coming up on the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town. The Historical Society has two (2) events planned: 1.) Sumy photos of the Town and 2.) Give back to the Town with an inventory of the buildings in the hamlet of Pottersville and the hamlet of Chestertown that were built before 1900. Then they would order plaques and the 1<sup>st</sup> plaque would be hung on the date of the fireworks. Once all of the plaques are up, they would arrange a walking tour or driving tours. Bernie McCann would like the Board to select a date for the fireworks so they could start organizing the two (2) day event.

Bernie McCann also commented that in organizing Sumy photos he has divided them into twenty-three (23) categories. The Historical Society could have an exhibit every month by category.

Bernie McCann said that Rotary is very interested in helping and he will reach out to the school. He would like to see some activity in the Town.

Supervisor Leggett said that the Sumy Project was very well received. Bernie McCann said he is still receiving requests for copies.

Bernie McCann said that the original letterboxing is retiring at end next month and they are going to replace it with two (2) things: 1.) A new letterbox with a focus on the Revolutionary

War and 2.) Warren County will make available an app that will tell you historical sites throughout Warren County. There will be a number of sites in the Town of Chester.

The Board agreed to have the fireworks on July 13, 2023.

**Budget Workshop:**

Supervisor Leggett **opened** Budget Workshop at 5:02 pm.

Supervisor Leggett commented that the Town tax rate will increase from this year by seven (7) cents per 1,000.

Supervisor Leggett went through the budget line by line.

Supervisor Leggett commented that EMS is requesting a 4% increase.

Councilperson Turcotte joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:12 pm as a non-voting member.

Supervisor Leggett said that Riverside Volunteer Fire has also asked for an increase and came to the Board.

We are currently under the tax cap.

Councilperson Packer left the meeting at 5:33 pm.

Supervisor Leggett commented that employees have a 3% raise and Town Clerk Contractual expenses were increased to update the water software.

Board Members discussed a boat for Loon Lake.

Supervisor Leggett commented that on a \$200,000 house, the Town tax would be \$288, which is a 4% increase. Pottersville Fire is down.

On a motion by Councilperson DuRose, seconded by Councilperson Aiken, the Board **entered executive session** at 6:10 pm to discuss the possible acquisition, sale, or lease of real property.

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On a motion by Councilperson DuRose, seconded by Councilperson Aiken, the Board **exited executive session** at 6:28 pm.

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No action taken.

On a motion by Councilperson Aiken, seconded by Councilperson DuRose, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk

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