

**Town of Chester Budget Committee Public Hearing  
February 27, 2023  
Approved Minutes  
7:00 PM**

**Budget Committee members present:**

Michael Weider, Chairman  
Ephraim Dobbins, Vice Chair  
Kathy Guilmette  
Jack Cannon  
Charlotte Lister  
Sabrina Harris, Chester School Board Liaison

**Members absent:**

Steve D'Angelo, Board of Selectmen Liaison  
Ron McKinnon

**Guests present:**

Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen  
Chester PACT

**I. Meeting to Order**

Chair Weider called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Attendance**

**III. Announcements by the Chair – Welcome**

**IV. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public wishing to comment.

**V. BOS Update**

There was no Board of Selectmen update.

**VI. School Board Update**

There was no School Board update.

**VII. Minutes**

**a. February 13, 2023**

*Mr. Cannon moved to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023 as written. Ms. Lister seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor except Ms. Harris, who abstained. The motion passed 5-0-1.*

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

**a. Sign MS-737 and post**

MS-737 was circulated to all Committee members and signed.

**b. Finalize Town Annual Report**

Chair Weider sent a draft of the Town Report to all Committee members. He reported that Mr. McKinnon suggested replacing the request for a front loader with a backhoe. The Committee agreed this was a topic better present at the Town Meeting by Mr. McKinnon than included in the Town Report.

Mr. Cannon suggested including an explanation as to why the Committee is not supporting Warrant Article 23 (Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund).

The Committee also clarified that they are not supporting Warrant Article 22 (Funding Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund) and Warrant Article 26 (Funding Municipal Improvement Capital Reserve Fund).

*Mr. Cannon moved to make the discussed changes to the Town Annual Report and submit it to Town Administrator Doda. Vice Chair Dobbins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

**X. Next Meeting Date – March 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m. School District Meeting**

The Committee discussed whether ballot votes will be needed for specific items.

**XI. Adjourn**

*Vice Chair Dobbins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ms. Guilmette seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary