

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 (RESCHEDULED FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017)
AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**CONSIDERATION OF A 2017 SMALL CITIES PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF UP TO 4800,000 FOR ADA
UPGRADES AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BEACHPORT
ELDERLY HOUSING COMPLEX**

Present

Chairman Robert J. Oris, Jr.; Paul A. Bowman, Vice Chairman; Michael Ecke, Patti Flynn Harris, Thomas Ruocco; Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot.

Absent: Sylvia Nichols.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; James Jaskot, Finance Director.

Guests: Ann Belcher, CHA; Larry Wagner, Consultant, L. Wagner & Associates Inc.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Larry Wagner, L. Wagner & Associates, Inc. gave a short presentation on the Small Cities Program Grant, and submission of the application by Cheshire Housing Authority. Mr. Wagner is working with the Town and CHA on the this competitive grant. He said various projects are submitted and 97% of those approved are for housing. Last year, Cheshire received a grant for home improvements to residents meeting the criteria. A municipality can only apply for one project per year under this grant. CHA is proposing to submit an application for \$800,000 to renovate the Beachport Senior Housing project.

Ann Belcher, CHA, informed the Council that the grant will be used for improvements and renovations to Beachport housing units, sidewalks, upgrades for ADA compliance. She cited some of the needs, including improved/wider sidewalks for residents with walkers and wheelchairs, handicapped accessible bathrooms, doors, showers, toilets, bathroom grab bars.

Mr. Wagner stated the grant application must be submitted by April 13th.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

Diana Havlajek, Foote Commons resident, lives next to the Beachport complex, and commented on the need for newer sidewalks for senior citizens in wheelchairs and walkers and safety of all residents. She said the residents need a safe place to walk, as now they walk in the roadway. She supports this grant application.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk