

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE
SPECIAL MEETING
CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
TOWN HALL – ROOM 115 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members present were Bill Sherman, Matt Abdifar, Carrie Collins-White, Bob DeVylde, and Jodee Heritage.

Member not present: Jackie Sima

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Abdifar called the roll.

Members present were Bill Sherman, Matt Abdifar, Carrie Collins-White, Bob DeVylde, and Jodee Heritage.

Ms. Sima was not present.

III. Determination of Quorum

There were enough members present for a quorum.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

V. Acceptance of Minutes Regular Meeting – October 11, 2017

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting with one correction; Ms. Collins-White was present at the October 11, 2017 meeting.

Moved by Ms. Heritage. Seconded by Mr. Abdifar. Motion approved unanimously by those present.

VI. Approval of 2018 Meeting Dates

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to approve the 2018 meeting dates.

The Environment Commission meeting will be held the second Wednesday of each month (except for this month – its being held on the third Wednesday of the month) at 7:00 pm at the Cheshire Town Hall.

The 2018 meeting dates were approved by unanimously consent of Commission members.

VII. Election of Officers

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to elect a secretary.

Motion: To elect Jodee Heritage as secretary.

Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Ms. Collins-White. Motion approved 4-0-1 with Jodee Heritage abstaining.

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to elect a vice-chairman.

Motion: To elect Bob DeVylder as vice-chairman.

Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present 5-0-0.

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to elect a chairman.

Motion: To elect Bill Sherman as chairman.

Moved by Mr. DeVylder. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. Motion approved 4-0-1 with Bill Sherman abstaining.

VIII. Communications

1. The Habitat CACIWC Newsletter, Fall 2017, volume 29, number 4
(To be handed out at meeting)

Ms. Simone handed out copies The Habitat. She informed Commission members that in general there's always something interesting in the newsletters; it's a good read. She noted there was a good article about turtles.

IX. Calendar – Trails Day, June 3. 2018

- 1. Chairman Sherman noted that Ms. Simone is working on the Trails Day event.**

Ms. Simone reported that she's working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on a river cleanup project that will coincide with Trails Day.

Ms. Simone talked about the proposed events that included canoes and kayaks, boat launch and a festival at Handover Pond in Meriden.

Ms. Simone people (Commission members) can volunteer to help and she'd let them know what they could do.

Chairman Sherman said it sounds like a wonderful event and asked if other events were included.

Ms. Simone replied that the Audubon Watershed and Quinnipiac River Society plan events around Trails Day.

Commission members talked about the Trails Day events.

Ms. Simone noted that the US Fish and Wildlife Service funds from a lawsuit would be used to support the events.

- 2. Chairman Sherman reported that Ms. Sima represented the Commission at the Ives Farm event held in fall 2017.**

X. Unfinished Business

There were no unfinished business items.

XI. New Business

- a. Chairman Sherman asked Commission members to revisit some of the proposed new projects discussed in 2017 and bring them forward at the next meeting.**
- b. Mr. DeVyllder asked about the status of the Chapman property and what was being done on the site.**

Ms. Simone reported the property is not open space but under the Park and Recreation Department and that she would look into its future proposed use.

In the short term, the town will build a walking trail around the perimeter of the Chapman property.

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Mr. DeVylder. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Carla Mills
Recording Secretary**