

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011, AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Public Hearing Subject Matter:

**CONSIDERATION OF A \$182,000 APPROPRIATION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH POND SUBDIVISION AREA.**

Present

Council Chairman Tim Slocum; Vice Chairman David Schrumm; Council Members Stephen Carroll; Michael Ecke, Andrew Falvey, Patti Flynn-Harris, Thomas Ruocco, Absent: Sylvia Nichols and James Sima  
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Dwight Johnson, Town Attorney; James Jaskot, Deputy Finance Director; Joseph Michaelangelo, PW Director.

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

Mr. Michaelangelo commented on the difficult decision each year on which roads to pave. The Town starts out with the larger roads and whittles down the list to the ultimate miles of road to be done. This year the program was aggressive in road paving, and South Pond Subdivision was not on the original list. When the Town Manager and Finance Director found some monies available, the list was reviewed again. This road work is a large section to be done and can be fit into the work schedule. The milling will start later this week, and paving will start in August. They will be incorporated into the second round of the paving program.

Mr. Milone said a problem this year and last year was the rising cost of asphalt (16% to 20%), so the number of roads was cut back by 20%. He wanted to make sure the South Pond road work could be done without adding to the debt burden. This is a \$182,000 project, and last month the Council appropriated \$70,000 for Wolf Hill Road work, for a total of about \$252,000. Mr. Milone has identified \$600,000 in bond de-authorizations which will be before the Council at the time of the capital budget. The addition of this \$182,000 appropriation will not add to the debt obligation, as it will be offset.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

Bob Ignise 19 South Pond Road, said he is a 25 year resident of the subdivision. On behalf of 47 home owners in the subdivision, he thanked the Town Council for doing the road work in the subdivision. He commented on many calls made to Mr. Milone, Chairman Slocum and Councilor Carroll and others, and thanked them for their responses, and for doing a good job. In South Pond, 26 of the current homeowners, are part of the original 46 homeowners. They are long time Cheshire residents and the neighborhood association appreciates this work being done.

Mr. Slocum said that the Council cannot always respond so favorably, but did have the means to fund this project without impacting the tax payers.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slocum adjourned the public hearing at

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk