

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

**Public Hearing Subject Matter
Proposed Amendment regarding Inland Wetlands
Permit After-the-Fact Fee, Section 12-17(3).**

Present

Robert J. Oris Jr. Chairman; Paul A. Bowman, Vice-Chairman; Patti Flynn-Harris, Jeffrey Falk, Thomas Ruocco, Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot, David Veleber.

Absent: Sylvia Nichols

Staff: Town Manager Sean Kimball; Asst. Town Manager Arnett Talbot; Town Attorney Al Smith; Finance Director James Jaskot; Environmental Planner Suzanne Simone; Keith Darin, Building Official; Gerald Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator; Neil Dryfe, Police Chief; Brian Pichnarcik, Deputy Police Chief; Lt. Michael Durkee; Police Officers Lespier and McClelland.

Special Guest: Police Officer Alysha Pirog

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

Councilor Veleber stated there was committee discussion about a possible ordinance for the after the fact fee to address issues of applications after work has been done.

Ms. Simone explained the after the fact fee would be enforced for work performed and completed without a permit. This fee is less than that paid by someone following the correct process and pays up front for a permit before work begins. Ms. Simone cited an ongoing situation with a property owner...three (3) meetings, 10-12 e-mails, costly staff time/inspections, to get this person to submit a permit after the fact. The application fee is \$100. Someone in accordance with the law would pay for the inspection fee plus the application fee. Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission (IWW) supports the permit after-the-fact fee, which is the standard fee plus 200%. Ms. Simone has researched other towns similar to Cheshire and all have permit after the fact fees at 200%.

The Ordinance Review Committee has looked at this matter and Mr. Veleber said it brought to the full Town Council for discussion.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR. (none)
6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED. (none)
7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR. (none)
8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk