

**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 Ordinance regarding Building Permit
Fee Waivers for Handicapped Accessibility renovations
Section 3-3(d).**

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; Town Manager Arnett Talbot; 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

Mr. Veleber stated this proposed ordinance is for waiver of permit fees for handicapped accessibility and meeting certain criteria.

Building Official Darin commented on this being a noble action by the Town for waiver of permit fees for disabled veterans having work done to accommodate their disability.

This waiver provides financial relief and ability for these residents to get renovations done in their home.

Attorney Smith stated this proposal gives the Town Council the discretion to waive fees for construction undertaken at the residence of a disabled veteran. The work determination must come under the U.S. Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, and improvements must comply with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. He said this is a very narrow waiver possibility.

Tom Norback addressed the narrow parameters of this ordinance and its expansion to other disabled residents facing the same situations. He asked Council to consider expansion of this program to any person with disabilities.

Mr. Bowman explained the current proposal is just for veterans. During public deliberation the Council will recommend the fee waiver for all disabled persons.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.
6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.
7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.
8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk