

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 115 AT 7:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Santoro called the roll.

Members present were Corrine Abbott, Bob DeVlyder and Robert Santoro. Staff: Suzanne Simone.

III. Determination of Quorum

Chairman Abbott determined there were not enough members present for a quorum.

An informal discussion was held.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Acceptance of Minutes Regular Meeting – May 8, 2019

The approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

VI. Communications

**1. The Habitat, CACIWC Newsletter, Winter/Spring, 2019
(to be handed out at meeting) – reviewed by members present.**

VII. Calendar: 2019 Environment Dates for Potential Commission Participation

September date tbd: Cheshire Fall Festival

Ms. Simone reported the fall festival would be held on September 14, 2019.

There was general discussion about the commission's participation at the festival and what details needed to be taken care of.

Ms. Simone explained that she'd inquire about sharing a booth with the energy commission and would be about to arrange other details – commission members could work together to volunteer to man the booth.

There was discussion about members volunteering at the event; and having access to materials for the event.

September 28: National Public Lands Day

Ms. Simone reported the National Public Lands Day will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019; she spoke about previous years programs and options the commission could consider if they wanted to participate by holding at National Public Lands Day event (maybe a hike or cleanup effort); she would provide at the next meeting a list of possible hike locations for commission members to consider.

Chairman Abbott asked that this item be placed on next month's agenda.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Open Space Properties: Commission Outreach

Ms. Simone provided information about holding a public event charging a fee to participate (fund raising), then using the funds to buy give-a-way gifts; there is nothing available in the ordinance to allow for the Commission to fund raise but they could consider writing a letter and going through the town ordinance and town council for review).

Chairman Abbott wants to see if there may be an opportunity to fund raise for program/project support.

Ms. Simone said the commission could write a letter to the town manager requesting funding for a project; she would reach out to the town attorney regarding this matter.

IX. New Business

There was discussion about signage in the state information people about invasive species (weeds) being killed and how difficult it is to kill an invasive species (vegetative) once it establishes itself; and about the town's open spaces that have invasive species and what has been done to help the problem.

X. Adjournment

The informal meeting ended at 7:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

**Carla Mills
Recording Secretary**