

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 AT 6:40 P.M. VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE  
(PER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT)**

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**Present**

David Borowy, Chairman; Jim Jinks and Tim Slocum

Staff: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager; Arnett Talbot, Asst. Town Manager; James  
Jaskot, Finance Director

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Borowy called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$11 donation from Maria Esposito  
To the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5 donation from Aleta Looker  
To the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Ann Arisco to the  
Cheshire Exchange Senior Services Account to be used for CHAT  
Programming.
6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$30 donation from Severino Fasulo  
To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
7. Acceptance appropriation of a \$25 donation from Dorothy Watkins  
To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
8. Acceptance appropriation of a \$50 donation from an anonymous donor  
To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
9. Acceptance appropriation of a \$2 donation from George Guinta  
To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
10. Acceptance appropriation of a \$500 donation from Mary Hyson  
To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.

11. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from Gay Barnett to The Recreation Gift Account for a memorial bench in honor of Cathy Ragone.
12. Acceptance appropriation of a \$500 donation from Nancy and Bob Knapp To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for general purposes.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Jinks.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda items #3 through #12 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$2,950 in donations to the COVID-19 Assistance Program for reimbursement to the Human Services Gift Account.

MOTION by Mr. Jinks; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #13, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum recognized the generosity of the community during the pandemic and expressed appreciation for the donations.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Authorization to apply, acceptance of, and appropriation of the Town's Share of a \$200,000 Open Space Watershed Land Acquisition Program Grant for the purchase of Fenn Road Property.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Jinks.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #14, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

The Town of Cheshire applied for the \$200,000 grant by the June 30, 2020 deadline and is requesting retroactive authority for this application.

Town Manager Kimball explained three (3) parties are involved in the land purchase. \$200,000 from the Land Trust; \$225,000 from Regional Water Authority; and \$250,000 from the Cheshire Land Acquisition Account. Cheshire's share is 53% of the total cost.

If the grant is received it will defray most of the town's cost for the land. The Council is asked to appropriate \$106,000 for the property purchase.

Mr. Slocum commented on the grant funds being as low as \$134,000, the conservation easement on the subject property, and matters being worked out between attorneys.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. Discussion and possible action regarding appropriation of auction proceeds totaling \$10,292.35 from the sale of equipment and vehicles to the Auction Proceeds Account for purchase of future equipment or vehicles.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Jinks.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #15, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Borowy explained that these auction funds are used for vehicle purchase, and sometimes for maintenance of vehicles with purchase of large parts.

Town Manager Kimball stated that, historically, the funds are used for vehicle purchases and not general maintenance. The funds can be used for purchase of larger parts for vehicle maintenance.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Authorization for allocation of \$9,415 from the Capital Non-Recurring Account To remedy previous structural and liner installation issues at the pool.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Jinks.

MOVED that the Budget Committee approve agenda item #16, and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum commented on the interesting letter from the contractor and his assessment of the pool liner situation, and reasoning for additional costs.

Town Manager Kimball explained that in the amount of time for the old liner, things in the industry have changed. He toured the pool with the contractor and Mr. Gawlak. He saw the condition of the concrete walls, and the contractor's comments were more about the walls than the liner. For installation of the new pool liner, the work cited by the contractor had to be done.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**17.   ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Jinks

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk