

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Public Hearing Subject Matter

**Consideration of an amendment to the  
Unsafe Premises Ordinance, Section 3-41  
Sunset Provision, to extend the Ordinance  
For two years to September 2022.**

Present

Robert J. Oris, Jr. Chairman; Timothy Slocum, Vice-Chairman; David Borowy, James Jinks, Sylvia Nichols, Sandy Pavano, Peter Talbot, David Veleber, Donald Walsh.  
Staff: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager; Arnett Talbot, Asst. Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Town Attorney Al Smith

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

Ms. Talbot read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Councilor Veleber explained that this ordinance was adopted in 2018 with a one-year sunset date to 2019. The public hearing is being held for consideration of extending the sunset provision to September 2022. This ordinance has been an important tool for the Fire Marshal, Human Services Department and other Town departments to assist residents with premises issues and any unsafe situations on premises.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY  
EXPRESSED.

Ms. Talbot read a letter into the record from Bonnie DiMauro regarding unsafe premises and the need for a blight ordinance in Cheshire.

Chairman Oris stated the Unsafe Premises Ordinance does not deal with blight. The Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) is looking at the blight issue, whether to include blight into the existing ordinance or create a blight ordinance. When completed, the ORC will present something to the Council.

Mr. Veleber agreed with the comments Ms. DiMauro cited in her letter. He stated there is a distinction between the Unsafe Ordinance and a Blight Ordinance, and the matter will be addressed by the ORC.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk