

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

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Present

Robert J. Oris, Jr. Chairman; Timothy Slocum, Vice-Chairman; David Borowy, James Jinks, Sylvia Nichols, Sandy Pavano, Peter Talbot, Donald Walsh.

Absent: David Veleber

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

Guest: Maura Esposito, Director, Chesprocott Health District; Frank Loehmann, President, John G. Martin Foundation

Chairman Oris called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Claims and litigation

B. Labor Negotiations

C. Personnel Matters

Chairman Oris moved Executive Session to the end of the agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. COVID-19 update from Chesprocott Health Director (moved to follow B)

B. Public Comments

Note: Public comments can be made virtually [zoom.usmy/townofcheshire](https://zoom.us/my/townofcheshire). Participants will be admitted to speak one at a time and can be seen and heard by Council members. It is recommended that speakers view the meeting on YouTube.

Chairman Oris introduced Frank Loehmann, President of the John G. Martin Foundation (via zoom). Mr. Loehmann and the Foundation have supported Cheshire with generous donations over many years, and Mr. Oris expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Loehmann and the Foundation for their support.

Frank Loehmann, Trustee, Director and President of the John G. Martin Foundation cited some of the Foundation's community support, including signage for the Parks and Recreation Department (\$10,500) and Special Olympics donation of \$5,000 for the two Cheshire Climbers. Mr. Loehmann met with and worked with Fire Chief Jack Casner, and they developed a beautiful sign with granite posts for the Fire Department Headquarters site. The Foundation donated the \$15,000 for this sign and its installation.

Since his retirement, Mr. Loehmann said he has had the opportunity to meet wonderful town staff...Town Manager Kimball, Asst. Town Manager Talbot, Chief Casner, Chief Dryfe, Mr. Sitko, Ms. Piccerillo, Mr. Gawlak, and many more. He commended the Town Council members for their work and leadership on behalf of the Cheshire Community.

Chairman Oris stated the CFD sign is beautiful and expressed the thanks of the Council and the community for the generosity of the Foundation under Mr. Loehmann's leadership. He also noted Mr. Loehmann and the Foundations support of the signs throughout Town warning people about vehicle thefts and the need to lock their cars. These signs say "Do Not Be a Victim".

On behalf of the Foundation, Mr. Loehmann thanked Councilor Walsh and the Lights of Hope organization, especially the high school volunteers, for their assistance in putting 50+ of the warning signs throughout the Town.

C. Summary of FY20-21 quarter one Consent Calendar donations.

Chairman Oris reported on donations totaling \$9,316.00, and expressed appreciation to the donors for their generosity.

A. COVID-19 update from Chesprocott Health Director

Maura Esposito, Chesprocott Health District Director, presented the update on COVID-19 to the Council. She said prevention is the only tool we presently have to fight the pandemic and this message must get out to the public.

Ms. Esposito distributed two handouts, and cited the following statistics and data.

- Since March 26th there is ongoing contact tracing by Chesprocott
- Chesprocott had 496 cases; 228 cases in Cheshire; last fatality was on May 27
- The district works closely with Elim Park and Cheshire Rehab; Elim had 44 cases with 2 fatalities, and Cheshire Rehab had 2 fatalities; there were 2 home outbreaks and 2 fatalities this week

- The trends have gone from cases of older people to young adults to presently 20-40 year olds
- Contact tracing has been done on 275+ people
- Assistance has been given to all walks of life people (restaurants, day cares, salons, organized and guided events such as fireworks, road races, camps, sporting events) through phases 1-3
- Chesprocott trained and worked with public and private schools
- There have been positive cases in the school system; staff is working closely with school staff and nurses to make informed decisions and direction based on cases and exposure
- Highland School positive classroom case; 28 students (20 in the classroom, 8 on the bus) and 1 teacher quarantined.
- Dodd Middle School – has 1 positive student; 8 students are quarantined.

Ms. Esposito cited the protocol on the policy for returning to school; they can test using a PCR test; if test is positive, things go in a different direction; if negative this information must be given to the nurse prior to return to school.

The health district is gearing up for the upcoming vaccinations of critical work forces. This includes critical work staff, MRC members, EMS, Police, Fire, Teachers, Government workers. Chesprocott is looking for a full-time nurse and medical director with a local resource to support this activity.

Contact Tracing – Ms. Esposito explained how this happens. The health district found out a Waterbury first responder (living in Cheshire) has tested positive. If someone has been within 6 feet for 15+ minutes with an infected individual... the tracing begins. The tracing of one case resulted in 2 positive children, 20 classroom students, 7 teachers, 11 bus kids, 10 soccer, 8 football, and 12 basketball players in quarantine. Another case of a positive high school student resulted in 140 people being quarantined. When people are quarantined, Chesprocott staff calls every day to check on them, provides medical assistance and services.

Chesprocott held a successful flu clinic on the Town Green last week.

In response to a question from Mr. Slocum on the quarantine of 20 students and the need to be tested, Ms. Esposito said they are not required to be tested. They are quarantined due to exposure; from exposure on days 1-14 they can test positive in this time period; they are told easy testing is available and to get a PCR test. The only time you can get out of quarantine is through travel and testing. For children going back to school, there must be a negative test result or letter from the doctor that clearly gives an alternate diagnosis. Ms. Esposito noted that the COVID-19 symptoms mimic the flu symptoms. After a 14 day quarantine a test is not required.

Policy as of September 22nd – There is a need for PCR testing so there is no false identification; PCR testing takes 2 days; people must check with their doctor about getting tested; CVS on South Main Street in Cheshire and Midstate Medical Center do PCR testing; a doctor referral is not required for these testing sites and they test children. Midstate is a drive-through testing site.

Graphic Comparisons – Ms. Esposito pointed out September to October results and they are increasing; 27 cases over the past weekend; people are getting tested; people are finding out many have COVID-19 and are asymptomatic. Trend runs show an increase in cases and the pandemic is infiltrating schools.

Ms. Esposito stated that working with the Cheshire Public Schools administration and staff has been wonderful. There was a full practice/dry run in August, and now things are running smoothly.

COVID-19 – Ms. Esposito reported college students have had COVID-19 and have returned home; colleges have plans for isolation on campus; health district staff is working with contact tracing in the colleges. T-ball Cheshire team is quarantined; salon worker; family gatherings without social distancing and mask wearing resulted in many cases; there are some daycare cases, instances with teachers and nurses before PPE protection was fully available. Fatalities are lower now; there is promotion of tools...washing hands, wearing masks, social distancing, staying home if possible...until a vaccine is available in January or February.

Chairman Oris thanked Ms. Esposito and the health district staff for their excellent work with the pandemic situations. As the Fall season approaches there are some spikes being seen. Mr. Oris cited his personal situation with his daughter having a positive test, being quarantined at home, and Chesprocott staff helping with his family. He commended Chesprocott for having open communication with the Cheshire community.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Veleber; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

MOVED to approve the minutes of subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

Correction: Heading date should read “September 8” and in Resolution #090820-1 title and first sentence of narrative.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Mr. Borowy; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-1

RESOLUTION #101320-1
CONSENT CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 13, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for October 13, 2020 as follows:

- A. Acceptance and appropriation of a donation in the amount of \$100 from Janice and Bruce Saulnier to the Human Services Gift Account to be used For the Senior Center.
- B. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Linda and Henry Wallinger to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Lena Kletskaya To the Cheshire Human Services Jitney Bus Fund.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Simon and Marina Shagoury to the Human Services Gift Account to help residents of 635 Reservoir Road who were impacted by a house fire.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$2,000 donation to the Parks and Recreation Gift Account for a memorial bench in honor of John Holsworth.
- F. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Janet Brainard to The Human Services Gift Account to help the residents of 635 Reservoir Road who were impacted by a house fire.
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Christopher and Noel Fletcher to the Human Services Gift Account to help the residents of 635 Reservoir Road who were impacted by a house fire.
- H. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Lavanya Subramani and Subramani Seetharama to the Human Services Gift Account to help the residents of 635 Reservoir Road who were impacted by a house fire.
- I. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Lori Talevi-Ferreira To the Human Services Gift Account to help the residents of 635 Reservoir Road who were impacted by a house fire.
- J. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from an anonymous donor To the Human Services Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
- K. Acceptance and appropriation of \$25 donation from Operation Fuel to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

- L. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Sandra Chase to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
- M. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10 donation from Hilda Schmidt to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
- N. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$17, 774 State of Connecticut Safe Poll/Absentee Ballot aid grant.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Discussion and possible action re: Consideration of an amendment
To extend the Unsafe Premises Ordinance.**

MOTION by Mr. Veleber; seconded by Mr. Talbot

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-2

RESOLUTION #101320-2

BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the recommendations of the Ordinance Review Committee, the Town Council approves an extension to the Unsafe Premises Ordinance Section 3-41 Sunset Clause as follows:

11. Sunset Provision

This Ordinance shall no longer be valid 24 months after its effective date.

This amendment shall be effective October 1, 2020.

This amendment is effective October 1, 2020.

Discussion

This item was the subject of an earlier public hearing. Mr. Slocum commented on the letter from Ms. DiMauro read into the public hearing record...and asked if the ORC is looking into inclusion of blight in the existing ordinance.

Mr. Veleber, ORC Chairman, replied that blight is being looked at, considered for inclusion in the existing ordinance, or the committee may pursue a separate blight ordinance.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

B. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$15,000 donation from the John G. Martin Foundation to the Fire Department gift account for new signage at the Maple Avenue Fire Headquarters.

MOTION by Mr. Borowy; seconded by Mr. Veleber

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-3

RESOLUTION #101320-3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts and appropriates a \$15,000 donation from The John G. Martin Foundation to the Fire Department Gift Account for a new sign at Fire Department Headquarters.

Discussion

Mr. Borowy thanked The Foundation and Mr. Loehmann for the donations to the Town. He expressed appreciation for the beautiful CFD sign and other signs donated for Town buildings.

It was stated by Mr. Walsh that the CFD sign is very impressive. He thanked the Foundation and Mr. Loehmann for this generous donation to the Town.

Ms. Pavano has also met with Mr. Loehmann, and commended him for his generosity to the Town...and said he is an example of what Cheshire is about.

Chairman Oris thanked Mr. Walsh and Lights of Hope for their help with distributing the car theft warning signs throughout the Town.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

C. Discussion and possible action re: Waiver of special use permit fee for The Connecticut Community Empowerment Foundation dba Re-Read Books.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-4

RESOLUTION #101320-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council waives the Special Permit Fee for The Connecticut Community Empowerment Foundation's non-profit bookstore and special needs training facility at 104 Elm Street in the Watch Factory.

Discussion

This is a 1600 S.F. bookstore in the Watch Factory, and Mr. Slocum said the Foundation is non-profit, intending to circulate gently used books. The store will also be a training facility for persons with learning disabilities to acquire employment and be active community members. The Council is approving the waiver of the \$535 special permit fee.

Ms. Nichols supports this Foundation and Re-Read Books program for people to be trained at their ability level. Ms. Nichols shared that she has a disabled sister, and this program is a shining example of something needed in the community

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

D. Acceptance and appropriation of Public Works auction assets.

MOTION by Mr. Borowy; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-5

RESOLUTION #101320-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts \$5,514.29 in Public Works equipment auction proceeds, and appropriates said amount to the Public Works Capital Asset Proceeds Account for purchases and maintenance of Public Works vehicles and equipment.

Discussion

The Budget Committee unanimously approved recommending this matter to the full Town Council. The proceeds go into the PW auction asset account to be used for fleet maintenance and/or new purchases of equipment.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

E. Discussion re: School Modernization Committee extension of deadline for report and recommendations.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Walsh.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-6

RESOLUTION #101320-6

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council extends the deadline for the report and recommendation of the School Modernization Committee (SMC) from September 15, 2020 to March 1, 2021, per the request of said Committee.

Discussion

The Council was informed by Ms. Nichols that the SMC is moving along, but the timeline (due to COVID-19) is two (2) weeks behind with available information. The SMC is working collaboratively with The Colliers Group. Mr. Nichols cited the fact that it is important for SMC to continue on its path, vet all ideas, and the need to change the timeline to bring forth the best project(s) for the Town. The SMC is also pleased with the performance of The Colliers Group.

Mr. Walsh talked about all the pieces in the puzzle, the SMC moving along, and the benefit of having a good proposal to submit to the Council and BOE.

Mr. Jinks stated the SMC will be presenting some options to the Council in January 2021.

The SMC is working on getting infrastructure, demographics, enrollment projections, will be working with the State DOE on reimbursement rate to Cheshire, and division of projects into phases over five (5) years. Ms. Nichols advised that as each project comes forward it will be presented, individually, to the Council and BOE. With many statewide school projects, she noted the State has decided on a new building rather than renovation. It is a complex process and Cheshire will not be informed of the State reimbursement until March or April 2021. The SMC will get plans to the BOE and Council in January 2021. The SMC has formed a "Communications Subcommittee".

Mr. Walsh advised that Colliers has looked at each of the school buildings...renovation or replacement, and SMC was advised the Town does not need to replace 5 or 6 school buildings. Colliers will present the options, and the Town decides which project goes first after ranking all the projects.

With the change for the SMC report and recommendations to March 2021, Mr. Oris said the original resolution stands as to what must be provided to the BOE and Council. SMC must present the resulting plans and recommendations to the Council and BOE as soon as completed...and through the resolution the date is changed to March 1, 2021.

Mr. Borowy noted the BOE must approve the SMC plans prior to coming to the Council, and the BOE and Council must work together. Then, everything goes through the normal capital budget process.

In that regard, Ms. Nichols said the SMC is concerned about the financial piece of the project(s). The SMC will come back to the Council in context of budget and bonding...and ask what is a palatable number for the school projects.

The SMC presentation could be done simultaneously to both the Council and BOE. Mr. Oris wants the Council and BOE to have dialogue and work collaboratively.

It was pointed out by Ms. Nichols that the SMC looks to the BOE for the educational concepts before a plan is finally put together. The BOE members have been invited to the next SMC meeting to discuss the BOE needs, and the Town Council will also be invited to an SMC meeting.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present

F. Discussion and possible approval of bid waiver for technology improvements for Town Hall Conference Room.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-7

RESOLUTION #101320-7

WHEREAS, The Town Council has approved an application for, and accepted and appropriated, a \$78,211.09 PEGPETIA grant to implement technology upgrades and broadcasting capabilities in Conference Room 207-209, and

WHEREAS, said grant requires usage of the vendor(s) indicated in the budget submitted with the grant application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council waives the bid for wiring, equipment, and installation totaling approximately \$60,730 and authorized hiring HB Communications to perform said work.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum explained that the Town must spend the funding with a certain vendor approved by the State.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

G. Discussion and possible action re: Stipulated Tax Assessment Appeal Agreement, possible executive session.

MOTION by Mr. Borowy; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #101320-8

RESOLUTION #101320-8

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the execution of a Stipulation Agreement for a tax assessment appeal by and between the Town of Cheshire and Commercial Investment Group, LLC all of Cheshire, Connecticut, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney or his designee is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Town said Agreement in the form and upon the terms and conditions as presented at this meeting.

Discussion

According to Mr. Borowy this is typical after a tax assessment for a company contesting the property value after a revaluation. The subject matter is a large one with a commercial business with experts in various fields. The recommendation of the Town Attorney is to move forward with this Agreement.

Attorney Smith explained this matter was handled by other attorneys in the law firm with reliance on the Town's appraiser. It was found the adjustment was appropriate, mostly due to COVID-19 impacts, and he doubts litigation would be successful.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Status Report - in Council packets

**B. Department Status Reports: Police, Fire, Fire Marshal.
In Council packets**

C. Other Reports

COVID-19 Pandemic – this matter was discussed earlier in the meeting with the Chesprocott presentation.

Halloween Activities – The Town is not “cancelling” Halloween. Mr. Kimball encouraged everyone to follow CT DPH guidelines...avoid indoor parties, door to door trick or treating, placing candy or treats on a table, everyone wearing masks, keeping social distancing, limiting contact with non-family members.

Parks & Rec Offerings – Get Pumpk'd Event with staff delivery and hiding pumpkins and decorating supplies in your front yard; registration online; delivery on October 20th. Halloween Rec Bags are available for purchase online with supplies for activities, treats and crafts.

Community Pool – First quarter revenue of \$88,500, which is \$80,000 less than recent years; if trend continues there could be a \$200,000 revenue shortfall; expenditures are

favorable; staffing remains stable; UV sterilization system damaged due to power failure from tropical storm; unit was covered by insurance with deductible amount submitted to FEMA for possible reimbursement.

Deputy CPD Chief Fred Jortner – Mr. Kimball announced the appointment of Lt. Jortner to Deputy Police Chief, and congratulated Chief Jortner.

Chief Jortner is a 17-year veteran of CPD, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Command Officers Development Course at Southern Police Institute and holds a Masters Degree in Management and Organizational Leadership.

PW Updates – Townwide Brush Collection completed; Leaf Collection begins on November 2nd through December 11th; West Johnson Bridge replacement completed on schedule; Paving has been completed for the year; Jarvis St. sidewalk completed and open; free electronics recycling November 7th at Town Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and free mattress recycling November 14th at Town Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tax Collections – 30% of taxpayers took advantage of the October 1st payment date; tax collections stand at 56.88% or 0.62% less than same time last year (57.50%).

Budget Books & GFOA Submission – The FY 21 budget books have been completed, distributed and a copy and application submitted to GFOA for annual review and consideration for Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

WWII Parade – Mr. Kimball commended everyone who coordinated and participated in the parade honoring three Cheshire WWII Veterans who all turned 100 years old this month...Petty Officer Ralph Rowland, Staff Sergeant Irv Daubert, 1st LT. Florence Bryant. Special appreciation and commendation to Hayley Falk, CHS student, and her Because of the Brave Organization who led this incredible event. Mr. Kimball thanked Bozzuto's Hometown Foundation, Hines Hardware, Powerstation Events, The Cheshire Police Department and everyone who helped with the event and parade.

Scarecrow Contest – The first annual contest has been a success and thanks were given to the participants and local businesses for their creative submissions. Mr. Kimball thanked the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, ArtsPlace, Cheshire Library and Recreation Department. He encouraged everyone to drive around the Town and see the Scarecrows.

Cheshire Public Library – Mr. Kimball reported the library is open, has expanded patron access for evenings and Saturdays; Grab and Go curbside is continuing with reduced hours; visitors are limited to ensure social distancing; face coverings are required; no food or drink is allowed; restrooms and other areas remain closed to the public; on-site meetings and programming is still restricted; virtual programs and services are being provided. Building Access Hours – Monday and Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

Budget Referendum Reminder-Tuesday, November 3rd – Town capital projects are being sent to the voters:

- \$1.4M for HVAC and Locker Room improvements at the Police Station
- \$1.6M for the Road Improvement Program
- \$620,000 for Road Reconstruction of Industrial Avenue

Explanatory text can be found on the website.

Upcoming Town Council & Subcommittee Meetings

Town Council Planning Committee, October 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Town Council Budget Committee Meeting, November 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (virtual)

Town Council Regular Meeting, November 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (virtual to the public)

School Modernization Communications Subcommittee Meeting, October 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (virtual)

School Modernization Committee Meeting, October 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (virtual to the public) and November 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (virtual to the public).

Absentee Ballot Process – Ms. Talbot explained there is a two-step process.

Application is returned to the Town Clerk's office, and absentee ballot will be issued; ballots are available online, the Town website and Town Clerk's office.

Polls are open on November 3rd, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. For additional information, people can contact the Town Clerk's office. It is expected there will be 10,000 ballots in Cheshire.

Mr. Slocum raised the issue of closed restrooms in the library, and stated it is unreasonable the facilities are not open for public use. He requested the reopening of bathrooms to the public be reconsidered. Mr. Slocum talked about the Town website improvements. If the improvements are not fully completed that is okay, and he asked that the website be up and running.

In response, Mr. Kimball advised he is working with Chesprocott on the issue of bathroom facilities being reopened. He advised there are requirements on how often the rooms must be cleaned and sanitized to be open and safe for the public. Mr. Kimball noted that people are encouraged to not overstay their time in the library.

Regarding the website there have been delays in launching the site. Mr. Kimball reported that the Apex Technology staff member handling the website has left the company, and a replacement must be hired. The website is a priority.

Mr. Walsh commended Hayley Falk and her organization for doing an excellent job on the WWII event and parade. He said it is great to see the youth of our community working with the veterans and elderly citizens.

Chairman Oris congratulated Deputy Chief Jortner on his new position. He commented on Chief Jortner's years of experience with CPD, and his commitment to the community.

Chairman Oris commented on the great day of recognition for WWII veterans. He commended Hayley Falk and her organization for spearheading the event and doing a wonderful job. The WWII veterans drove the parade in WWII Jeeps and had great fun while keeping warm as they were recognized for their service to our country.

Chairman Oris thanked PW Director Noewatne and PW staff for a great job with the brush removal program and for undertaking this difficult task.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

A. Chairman's Report

- i. Potential mobile vendors ordinance referred to the Ordinance Review Committee.**
- ii. Development of draft legislative recommendations referred to the Planning Committee.**

Personnel Committee – Ms. Nichols reported the committee is working and will meet soon.

Planning Committee – Mr. Slocum advised the committee has met to discuss town attorneys, and one more meeting is required before presentation to the Council.

Ordinance Review Committee – Mr. Veleber said the ORC will meet in about two weeks to discuss the Unsafe Premises Ordinance, consideration of blight into the ordinance, and discuss a short term rental ordinance.

Budget Committee – Mr. Borowy commented on the upcoming referendum questions on November 3rd, and the financial statements submitted for awards.

Solid Waste – Mr. Walsh advised there will be a meeting in the near future.

B. Miscellaneous

12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Liaison Reports

CPFA and Library Board – Ms. Nichols advised that both groups collaborated on the Scarecrow project; virtual programs are ongoing; the website can be checked for events.

Planning and Zoning – Mr. Veleber noted that the Re-Read Book Store in the Watch Factory will have their application for a special permit before Planning and Zoning Commission on October 14th. The fee has been waived by the Town Council.

Economic Development Commission – Mr. Borowy reported that the Executive Vice-President of Hartford Health Care attended the EDC meeting and gave an update on their facilities.

The Beautification Committee – Mr. Jinks reported the TBC is working on projects to improve and update the Cheshire Park tennis court area with cleanout, adding trees, and plantings in front of the community pool site. He commented on the signs around town to remind people to lock their vehicles.

Sustainability Team – Mr. Jinks said they are working on identification of projects done to this point and application for bronze certification for the team due on April 1st.

Cheshire Housing Authority – Mr. Walsh reported on completion of the beautification of the housing area, which is almost at full capacity. Meetings are held monthly and he will have regular updates to the Council.

B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Energy Commission – Ryan O’Grady (R); replacement of Don Nidoh; term of office October 13, 2020 to March 31, 2022.

Youth and Human Services Committee – Lydia O’Grady, Dodd Middle School Student; replacing Eliana Orlinsky; term of office October 13, 2020 to January 31, 2023, as long as she is a Dodd student, or she must relinquish the seat.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION by Mr. Talbot; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

MOVED that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Energy Commission – Chris Smith (D); replacing Paul Michalowski; term of office October 13, 2020 to January 1, 2024.

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Public Safety Commission – Gregory Wolf (D); replacing Nancy Blomstorm term of office October 13, 2020 to January 1, 2024.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS – no report

14. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letters to Council.

Chairman Oris reported on a letter from Yetta Auger, President, Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, thanking the Council for support of the fireworks display. Mr. Oris read a segment of the letter into the record.

Mr. Oris commented on the fireworks displays as a great event, with social distancing, people wearing facemasks, and thanked everyone associated with the event.

B. Miscellaneous

3. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Claims and litigation

B. Labor Negotiations

C. Personnel Matters

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

MOVED that the Town Council enter Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. to include Town Manager Kimball, Asst. Town Manager Talbot and Town Attorney Smith to discuss claims and litigation, labor negotiations, personnel matters.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

The Town Council exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Talbot; seconded by Mr. Veleber

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk