

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM
207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

David Schrumm, Chairman; Michael Ecke and Thomas Ruocco.
Councilor Peter Talbot.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director

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. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10,500 donation from the Cheshire Lights of Hope to the Human Services Gift Account for assistance to Residents in need.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$112 donation from the Town of Cheshire employees to the Human Services Gift Account for assistance To residents in need.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$185 donation from Cheshire High School to the Human Services Gift Account for assistance to residents In need.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$225.55 donation from proceeds from The Peach Jam Peach Preserve Fundraiser to the Human Services Gift Account to residents in need.

7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$270 donation from proceeds from The employees in the Assessor and Tax Collector offices to the Human Services Gift Account to residents in need.

8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Nutmeg Management Services LLC to the Human Services Gift Account for Residents in need.

9. Acceptance and appropriation of \$20 from the Operation Fuel Inc. to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

10. Acceptance and appropriation of a donation of \$100 from the Cheshire PBA Community Foundation for the Adopt-a-Family program.

11. Authorization to apply for an annual Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Local Prevention Council Grant of \$4,245 for youth substance abuse programs.
12. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$40 donation from the First Congregational Church to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
13. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$350 donation from the First Congregational Church to the Human Services Gift Account for Assistance to residents in need.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 through #13 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Appropriation for additional staff in Elections Department
There was no action to be taken on this item. Mr. Milone stated that the additional money from the State will go into miscellaneous revenue. Checks will be processed into the line item from which elections officials are paid. The staffing issue will be looked at during the budget process.

15. Waiver of bid for grinding service for storm debris collection program.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED to accept agenda item #15 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

The committee was informed by Mr. Milone that 5 proposals were received for removal of the mulch from the staging areas. PW Director Michaelangelo will advise the Council on this issue at the full meeting.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

16. Acceptance and appropriation of \$9,225 from Yankee Gas for Compensation for new sidewalks and sidewalk damage and repairs.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED to accept agenda item #16 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone explained that this payment is for the damage to the sidewalks and new sidewalks. When Yankee Gas appropriated the initial payment there were excess costs involved of about \$5,000. \$4,225 is for reinforcement of the sidewalks near the vaults and to do a driveway so the sidewalks are not damaged when repair work is done to gas lines. The end result is \$36,000 in total coming from Yankee Gas for this sidewalk project. Some of the grading and plantings will be done in the spring of 2012.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

17. Authorization to apply for a Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program Grant for the Linear Trail.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to accept agenda item #17 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

Mr. Milone submitted information for the financial summary for the trail from West Main to Jarvis Street. There are two parts. Estimated Design is \$200,000; the State will pay 80% of this cost; so the Town only has to pay \$40,000. Estimated Construction cost is \$2.4 million; federal grant of \$562,400; State D.E.E.P. grant of \$250,000; net cost of construction is \$1,587,600. Without further funding the Town's portion of the cost is \$317,500. Any additional funding from the STEAP grant or other funding will come off the \$1.5 million. The federal/state portion would be 80% and the Town portion would be 20% of the final net cost. The State wants Cheshire to continue to seek grants and other funding.

The Town did not received funding from the original federal grant which was submitted, but is resubmitting for another grant.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk

