

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM
207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Thomas Ruocco, Chairman; Sylvia Nichols and Peter Talbot.

Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone

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. TOWN HISTORIAN APPOINTMENT

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

MOVED that the Personnel Committee appoint Jeanne Chesanow as Town Historian for a term of two years, from present to January 31, 2014.

Discussion

Mr. Ruocco advised that there is a resolution for the full Town Council on the appointment of Jeanne Chesanow as the Town Historian.

Mr. Talbot noted that the section about the historian not serving on the board of the Historical Society has been withdrawn from the resolution.

In response, Mr. Ruocco said he did not think it was justifiable for the Council to state that someone could not serve on another board where there is preservation of history, if they are the historian.

Ms. Nichols said she does not believe there is a conflict of interest here.

It was stated by Mr. Ruocco that the two candidates were equally matched regarding qualifications and dedication to the Town of Cheshire. He made his decision based on the history of the current Historian with the Historical Society, the strained relationship between the two, and the Society being a good resource to be used when there is no budget for the position of Historian. Mr. Ruocco commented on Mr. Gagliardi's great service to the Town, Department of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Lock 12, and his other activities, hoping that he continues to carry on with them.

Ms. Nichols stated that each candidate had outstanding qualifications, interests, enthusiasm, historical knowledge, etc. She said that things with the Society need to die down, and this affected her choice of Ms. Chesanow as Town

Historian. Ms. Nichols commented on Mr. Gagliardi's excellent work in the school system, particularly the high school and middle school, working closely with the Chamber of Commerce, and her hope that he will continue with these visible activities for the community. She said that this is a volunteer position, and Mr. Gagliardi did a good job as Historian, but the negativity on the part of people is still out there.

Mr. Talbot stated his opposition to the appointment of Ms. Chesanow, and said both candidates were equal in many ways, He prefers to stay with the experienced person in the job for 8 years, who has received numerous accolades from current Council members.

There is a nomination for Town Historian before the Council tonight, and Mr. Ruocco said that another name can be brought forward as an amendment to the motion before the Council.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Talbot

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk