

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012, AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN  
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

Chairman Tim Slocum; Vice Chairman David Schrumm; Michael Ecke, Andrew Falvey, Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Peter Talbot.

Staff: Louis Zullo, Assistant Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Ramona Burkey, Library Director; Robert Ceccolini, Parks and Rec Director; Joseph Michaelangelo, PW Director; Vincent Masciana, Director of Management Services;

**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. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America.**

Chairman Slocum read a proclamation in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America. There are over 500 Girl Scouts in Cheshire, and the first troop in Connecticut was organized in Cheshire in 1913. He commended the Girl Scout Troops in Cheshire for their outstanding achievements and awareness of opportunities that expand their horizons.

**B. Recognition of former Councilor Anne Giddings.**

Chairman Slocum acknowledged the first anniversary of the passing of Anne Giddings on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and in memory of Ms. Giddings, her photograph has been hung on the wall in Council Chambers.

**C. Public Comments**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-1

RESOLUTION #050812-1  
CONSENT CALENDAR FOR MAY 8, 2012

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for May 8, 2012 as follows:

- A. Correction of December 2011 acceptance and appropriation of \$225.55 In proceeds from the Youth Services Peace Jam Program; said amount Is appropriated to the Youth Services Gift Account to support youth Activities.
- B. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Jonathan and Greta Jones in memory of Stanley Siesicki to the Library Gift Account For Library materials, furniture and computers.
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 anonymous donation in memory of Stanley Siesicki to the Library Gift Account for Library materials, furniture and computers.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Michael Ballato In memory of Helen Gaines Clark to the Library Gift Account for Library materials, furniture and computers.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Cheshire High School Locker Rooms Project Status.**

Mr. Falvey reported to the Council that the BOE Planning Committee met this week to move this project along. At the time, the BOE and administration are working with the PBC to reassess all of the options and issues to get this project done. The BOE will be coming to the Town Manager and Town Council with a dollar amount which will adequately represent the cost of the work to be done for the capital planning process. The BOE is working with Chesprocott to be sure health and safety issues are being met.

Mr. Masciana said that one key point is the combination of projects for code compliance, and there may be State reimbursement available. Chesprocott was at the locker room site on Tuesday morning, and Ms. DeNicola and others toured the facility. They will issue a report in a few days, but suggested as part of the summer work list to consider replacement of the bench tops with a composite material. There is the intention to replace the ceiling tiles with more water resistant tile. Mr. Masciana advised that he has checked with School Nurse, Ms. Ruddy, to confirm that there have been no unusual or high incidents of athletes using the locker room.

The PBC has formed a special subcommittee on the locker room project, and the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Florio commented on his meeting last week with Dr. Florio, Mr. Masciana, PBC Chairman Purtill, BOE Chairman Brittingham, and Town Manager Milone. There was much discussed about what could be done with the locker room project, looking at a sports facility and the entire scheme of information.

The PBC Subcommittee has 5 members and additional user members, including Mr. Masciana.

Mr. Slocum commented on the need for a quick turn around on this project to be ready for the capital budget. The question does not have to be fine tuned by June 30<sup>th</sup>, but there must be a place holder. During the capital budget process more details will be available to the Council.

The Council was informed by Mr. Masciana that the BOE Planning Committee will meet to finalize the five year capital plan for full BOE approval. The BOE capital budget must be submitted to the Town Manager by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is a change it can be made before presentation to the Council in August.

Mr. Ruocco assumes this will be a recommendation from the PBC Sub-Committee to the BOE. He asked how the BOE signs off on this project, since the project is in the hands of the PBC, and if the BOE will review and vote on the project.

According to Mr. Masciana the BOE must come up with an estimate this week because the Planning Committee makes the recommendation to the full BOE next week. An 8,000 sq. ft. facility is \$2 million, and this is used as a starting point. In the five year capital plan with respect to civil rights improvements there were additional items (i.e. walkway accessibility the sports field), and those items would be moved into next year's capital budget. The best the BOE can do is to provide an estimate by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and that will be firm and adjusted by what the PBC does.

Mr. Ruocco asked whether the options presented in March to the Council are still on the table, i.e. renovations of the existing site.

At the last BOE Planning meeting of the BOE, Mr. Masciana said the discussion was what the number would be for a new structure with the additional code compliance items. This is the direction in which the BOE is moving at this point.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Call for public hearing for the 2012 Neighborhood Assistance Act.**

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-2

RESOLUTION #050812-2

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council shall hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2012 to at 7:30 p.m. to consider submissions to the State of Connecticut 2012 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager shall cause a notice of said public hearing to be posted and published according to law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date, time, and place or any postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**B.     Acceptance and appropriation of the Annual Connecticut State Library Connecticut reimbursement in the amount of \$19,527 to Be used for Library materials, furniture and computers.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-3

RESOLUTION #050812-3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts and appropriates \$19,527 from the Connecticut State Library Connecticut Reimbursement for 2012 for the purchase of library materials, furniture and equipment.

Discussion

Ms. Burkey, Library Director, informed the Council that this money is a State reimbursement for items loaned by the Cheshire Library to out of town card holders. The amount this year is \$8,000 less than last year.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**C.     Community Pool Fees**

MOTION by Mr. Talbot; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-4

RESOLUTION #050812-4

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council amends the Community Pool Fees as attached, effective July 1, 2012.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum said these are fees recommended by Mr. Ceccolini and Ms. Adams and approved by the Parks and Rec Commission. The increase is a 10% fee on the seasonal passes, the first increase since 2008.

Mr. Ceccolini commented on the fact that these fees were discussed during the budget process, but they are not included in the operating budget.

In 2009 fees were increased and Mr. Sima noted they were then scaled back. He asked if the new fee increase would result in a decrease in membership.

In reply, Mr. Ceccolini said that the 2009 increase was a large one and saw a drop in enrollment, and was scaled back. Since then a 10% increase was looked at as being reasonable. The proposed fee increase is 10% for seasonal passes, increasing them from \$330 to \$360. Since the pool reopened there has been a good response; 188 passes were sold; 420 new people were members; and revenue was about \$120,000. Spring swim lessons are full; former members have returned to the pool membership; and it is expected people will renew seasonal membership before July 1<sup>st</sup> when the increase takes effect.

With the new blower and bubble, Mr. Sima asked if there was a significant change in the electrical usage.

Mr. Ceccolini said that a longer period of time is needed to evaluate electrical or gas bills, and they will be evaluated after 9 months to one year for comparison data. With the way the machinery is working so efficiently, he believes things are doing well.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**D. Waiver of bid and approval of multi-year contract for pool bubble.**

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-5

RESOLUTION #050812-5

WHEREAS, the Community Pool Bubble must be removed in late Spring and installed in early Fall, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Public Works have represented, and the Town Council finds, that it is in the best interest of the Town to utilize the same vendor that has installed and removed the bubble since the opening of the pool, since they are experienced, knowledgeable and have an excellent working relationship with the Town, and

WHEREAS, since the total fiscal year cost for this vendor to install and remove the bubble will exceed the Town's \$24,000 bid limit for construction services, requiring a waiver of bid to utilize this vendor for the spring removal and fall installation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 7-8 (c)(11) of the Town Charter, approves a waiver of bid for the removal of the pool bubble, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or his designee are authorized to enter into a three year contract with said vendor, Hemispheric Air, for said bubble removal and installation services.

#### Discussion

Mr. Sima stated that Hemispheric Air has put up and taken down the bubble over the years, and took the bubble down when it collapsed and deteriorated during the winter storm of January 2011. A few years ago the Town started to go out to bid on this work because it was being broken up for take down and reinstall. Now it must be put together as one because it falls in the same fiscal year. The company has done a good job; staff is comfortable with them; and there are not that many vendors out there capable of doing this project.

According to Mr. Ceccolini the Town is locking in this rate with a reliable vendor for three years. This company has worked well with the Town over the last 10 years, adjusting their schedule to accommodate the Town, and they are one of the few approved vendors in the country who do the work of taking down and installing bubbles. When the Town got the new bubble, the first question from Horizon was "who is putting up and taking down this bubble." When they were told it was Hemispheric Air, they were satisfied as the company is one of their approved vendors.

Mr. Ruocco asked about the cost in prior years.

Ms. Adams stated it was \$19,500. This is the first increase from this vendor in 10 years.

VOTE           The motion passed 7-2; Ruocco and Sima opposed.

#### **E. Appointment of Auditor for FY 11-12**

MOTION by Mr. Ecke; seconded by Mr. Falvey.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-6

RESOLUTION #050812-6

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appoints McGladrey & Pullen, LLP as the auditors for the FY 2011-12 annual audit.

Discussion

Mr. Ecke stated that the Town is very satisfied with McGladrey & Pullen as auditors. The resolution is to approve them for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 5 year contract. This information must be filed with the State by Finance Director Jaskot.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**F. Cheshire High School Turf Field residual donations refund.**

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Talbot

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-7

RESOLUTION #050812-7

BE IT RESOLVED, That the \$9,113.80 in remaining funds from donations from the Turf Committee for the Cheshire High School Turf Field Project is here by refunded to said Turf Committee.

Discussion

Mr. Sima asked for clarification on the number in the paperwork which the Council received, showing \$4,000 left over on the field turf, and there is another \$4,000 coming from the BOE as a reimbursement.

In response, Mr. Masciana distributed a summary of the funding for the CHS Track and Turf Project. The appropriated funds were \$1,138,970; less the total project costs of \$1,129,856; and this leaves a balance to the Turf Fund Raising Committee of \$9,114. Mr. Masciana explained that the Cheshire Schools Operating Funds for Additional Track Seal and Repairs bid came in from RAD Sports at \$10,000; the actual cost was \$14,470; and the \$4,470 was paid by operating funds from the Cheshire Schools budget.

To be clear on this, Mr. Sima said there was money put in from the Turf Committee that paid for some of the track sealing.

Mr. Masciana said "no" this did not happen. \$4,470 went towards the track repairs. The total of the track repairs plus resurfacing is the \$4,470 plus the \$188,890, plus the \$150,000. No monies crossed track to turf or visa versa.

The only remaining thing is for the contractor who did the spraying of the track to come back, do some minor touch-ups on the painting and the lines. \$5,000 of the \$1,138,970 has been retained until they come back after the track season and graduation is over. Other than this, everything is completed and the track and field look great and are used constantly.

Mr. Ruocco questioned how this was arranged, and if the Town was to be responsible for the track repairs at all, or was it entirely from the donations from the turf.

To be clear, Mr. Masciana said the turf donations, the \$525,000 DEP grant were strictly for the turf. The Town's capital budget appropriation plus the \$4,470 went to the track and the south D zone.

Mr. Ruocco said he was not clear on why there is a refund if the Town covered the cost of the repairs.

The reason for the refund is that the total cost of the turf portion of the project was \$9,114 less than the total monies which came in for this project. The difference between the cost of the project and the funds available was put up by the fund raising committee. The funds were appropriated by the Council. There was \$525,000 from the DEP grant and \$271,600 from the Turf Fund Raising Committee. Those monies are what was appropriated for the turf, and when all was said and done there is \$9,114 remaining and that goes back to the fund raising committee. There were no Town monies expended for the turf portion of the project, as it was paid for by the DEP grant and donated funds.

VOTE           The motion passed 6-3; Opposed – Sima, Schrumm, Ruocco.

**G.     Authorization to execute agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the design of the East Johnson Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation project.**

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-8

**RESOLUTION #050812-8**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement by and between the Town of Cheshire and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the design of the East Johnson Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael A. Milone, Town Manager, be and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement between the



State of Connecticut and the Town of Cheshire for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in Conjunction with the Rehabilitation of the East Johnson Avenue Bridge (Bridge No. 04836) over the Quinnipiac River utilizing federal funds from the Highway Bridge Program.”

### Discussion

Mr. Michaelangelo informed that Council that several years ago \$450,000 was appropriated for the rehab work on the East Johnson Bridge. The center supports are in the middle of the river, labeled scour critical by a biannual DOT inspection. There was a capital project to address this condition. After the appropriation was received the Town got an 80 federal share of this project, and this adds some complexity to the project. We went through the design consultant selection process, negotiated, developed a scope with the consultant and the State and came up with a fee agreement. This is what is before the Council tonight - \$295,000, which is 20% of the Town's share of the project. Following this design the Town will be able to get contract documents, a construction price, which will be the 80/20 split.

In the memo, Mr. Michaelangelo pointed out we will be over the \$450,000 in total funds, but much less in the 20% Town share. One of the questions asked when spending federal money is whether it is worth investing in a 30 year old bridge. The consultant will look at the entire project and get a total analysis and comprehensive look at the bridge to assure the money spent on the center supports is worth being spent.

Mr. Sima said this should take care of the scouring in the middle of the bridge and asked whether the bridge will be shut down.

There is no shut down and Mr. Michaelangelo said everything done is in the river bed.

The time frame was questioned by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

This will be about a six month design, and Mr. Michaelangelo said we must go through all the local, state and federal approval process. This time next year we will be ready to construct the bridge.

Ms. Flynn-Harris asked about the worst case scenario for a design review like this – it would not be repaired and totally rebuilt.

Mr. Michaelangelo said that is correct...the worst case scenario would having to rebuild this bridge. The repair work is about \$800,000 to \$900,000, and a new bridge is about \$2.5 million.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**H. Authorization to execute three-year contract for pump station alarms.**

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Ruocco.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-9

RESOLUTION #050812-9

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approve a three-year contract for sewer pump station alarms and authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to execute said contract with JWB Company for the Alarm Agent Service Plan.

Discussion

Mr. Michaelangelo explained that this is the same vendor used by Supt. Dievert for the last 3 years. When the renewal proposal was reviewed, Mr. Dievert got the same annual price, with an offer for a percentage off for 2 or 3 year maintenance agreement. The numbers work out financially favorable. The Town is looking into the program for the 9 pump stations.

Mr. Sima said that by entering into this contract the Town is getting 3 years for the price of 2 years. It was \$612 per site for 3 years versus \$600 per site for 2 years.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**I. Acceptance of a portion of Platt Lane as a Town Road.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-10

RESOLUTION #050812-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts Platt Lane at the cul-de-sac as a Town Road, conditional upon the filing of a maintenance bond and recording of the warranty deed for the roadway and the storm drainage and sightline easements, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Discussion

Mr. Sima said that this has gone through Planning and Zoning and the Town Engineer, reporting that everything meets Town requirements for the road and the road is ready to be accepted as a Town Road. Mr. Sima asked whether this road has already been plowed by Town crews as a quasi acceptance.

It was explained by Mr. Michaelangelo that Platt Lane is off Cornwall Avenue, and it has just been existing for years as a stub, no turn around, no hammer

head. This subdivision was adding a cul de sac to the stub already there. Most likely, the driver has utilized the cul de sac to turn around. The subdivision was originally with Calcagni, but was never constructed until later after being sold to Pinnacle, which built 3 houses.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**J. Allocation of \$6,500 for open space land acquisition grant appraisals.**

MOTION by ; seconded by

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-11

RESOLUTION #050812-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes allocation of \$6,500 from the capital land acquisition appropriation for two property appraisals for potential open space acquisition as required under the terms of the State of Connecticut Land Acquisition Grant.

Discussion

Mr. Slocum stated this relates to money to be spent on unnamed property.

Ms. Nichols explained that in April the Council authorized submission an of open space/land acquisition grant. When the cost of a property is over \$100,000 the Town must get two appraisals.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**K. Award of contract for schools' flooring and asbestos abatement Project.**

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-12

RESOLUTION #050812-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Building Commission is hereby authorized to award the following contracts for the District-Wide Flooring Replacement Project:

Asbestos Abatement to AAIS of West Haven, CT for \$120,816.14  
Flooring Installation to Spectrum Floors of Cheshire, CT for \$129,949.00  
Monitoring and Testing to Chemscope of North Haven, CT for \$18,208.75

Totaling \$268,973.89, as recommended by the Public Building Commission. The Town Manager is authorized to execute these contracts pursuant to this award, upon the approval by the Town Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Discussion

Mr. Sima stated that this project is being done every year to change the flooring at the schools where there is a lot of carpeting to be removed and tile flooring installed. There is asbestos abatement involved along with removal of the mastic which held down the carpeting. The removal work will be done during the summer months, and the project will be monitored to ensure the schools are safe.

Mark Nash, PBC Member, informed the Council that four DAS contractors submitted quotes for this work. The big issue is time, and the work must be done in the summer months when school is closed and cannot be occupied during asbestos removal. The PBC is requesting that the Town Council approve this project and move it along as soon as possible.

In response to a question on which schools are involved, Mr. Nash stated that this is for 7 schools, taking the worst areas first, and there is a priority schedule in place. Other schools on the list will be done as funds are available. The work involves about 7,000 sq. ft. of flooring and more than half the cost is for abatement.

Mr. Schrumm noted that these contractors also did the work at Norton School, did a good job with the classrooms, which almost look new.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**L.     Acceptance and appropriation of a \$7,000 donation from the Friends of Softball for the construction of dugouts at Cheshire High School Softball fields.**

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Falvey.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council approves Resolution #050812-13

RESOLUTION #050812-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts and appropriates a \$7,000 donation from the Friends of Softball for the construction of dugouts at the Cheshire High School Softball Fields.

Discussion

Mr. Schrumm informed the Council that the check for \$7,000 was received from the Friends of Softball for the softball field dugout project. This project is

completed; the dugouts look great; and there are new concrete walkways which are in compliance with ADA.

VOTE The motion passed 8-1; Ecke opposed.

**8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Monthly Status Report.**

**B. Department Status Reports.**

**C. Other**

Mr. Zullo reported that Town Manager Milone provided the follow-up report of the 4/30/12 meeting to the Council via e-mail, and it is redistributed in the packets of this meeting.

**Item #3 –Community Pool, FEMA Claim.**

Mr. Jaskot reviewed the three claims this year for the community pool, noting that all are in various stages of completion.

For Storm Irene (August 2011) the Town received \$101,426 from FEMA. Storm Alfred was the early October 2011 snow storm, and the claim has just been submitted to FEMA. \$492,000 was budgeted as an additional appropriation for expenses associated with this storm, and about \$372,000 has been spent. The Town just submitted the claim for \$545,000 for Storm Alfred to FEMA. Even though the direct expenses were only \$372,000, the Town submitted \$545,000 because, in addition to direct labor in the contracts, we were able to submit for use of machinery, indirect labor, and administrative costs.

When budget projections were done last month, Mr. Jaskot said the Town was trying to estimate where the general fund surplus would come out. He put in a figure of 75% of the \$482,000 but it actually ended up being more, and hopefully the Town gets about \$40,000 more than projected.

January 2011 snow storm – this has the most moving pieces still outstanding. There is a FEMA claim and it was recently found out that there will be FEMA reimbursement for the blower at the pool. The Town is expecting \$67,000 for that blower – this is 75% of the blower cost and 75% of the insurance deductible. There are also architectural fees for the pool pump and installation of the new blower and dehumidifier, and these have been submitted to the insurance company for coverage. If they are not covered, the Town will submit a claim to FEMA.

For the Alfred storm the insurance paid all of the capital costs for the bubble, and some incidental items damaged at the pool.

Mr. Jaskot stated the Town is in the process with the insurance company regarding the business interruption loss which was submitted. The initial offer was about \$29,000; the second offer was \$37,000 more; so this matter is going in the right direction. There was a meeting with Ms. Adams, Mr. Ceccolini and Mr. Milone, and it was felt there were more items which could be considered. The Town staff is analyzing what the insurance company has submitted.

With the new bubble the building inspector stated that the dehumidification system is needed under the new building code. The claim has been filed for this system; it is in suspense right now as PBC considers how to acquire this equipment; and once the determination is made on the system, this claim will proceed. If this is denied by the insurance company, the Town will go back to FEMA with a claim.

Mr. Jaskot advised that the FEMA money goes into the revenue, and expense money not spent will flow into fund balance. Between the \$40,000 on the revenue side and \$120,000 on the expense side we are looking at \$150,000+ than what was considered during budget projections last month.

Mr. Slocum noted that CNR money was used for the storms, and it is assumed that CNR would be reimbursed.

Over the course of the next month, Mr. Jaskot said CNR will be looked at, along with projected surplus and determinations will be made on re-appropriation of some of the CNR items. He said Mr. Milone has a list of things still to be considered. Mr. Jaskot will distribute a third quarter summary of all he has talked about at this meeting, and will attach Mr. Milone's list. There are decisions to be made with regard to surplus and CNR between now and the end of the year.

On behalf of the Town Council, Mr. Ruocco wished Town Manager Milone a speedy recovery and best regards.

## **9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

## **10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

### **A. Chairman's Report.**

Planning Committee – Mr. Sima reported on the matters the committee discussed at the last meeting. These included the list of roads to be milled and repaved this summer, roads to be chip sealed, at a cost of \$1.5 million. There was discussion the GPS system in 22 Town vehicles, and expansion of this program to other vehicles to track speed, idle time, etc. There was review of pre-qualified vendors/contractors to streamline projects without budget waivers.

The committee reviewed the land management plan for Mixville Hills, Linear Park update, and the new idea of planting stronger trees with longer lives along Town roads.

Budget Committee – Mr. Schrumm noted that the next item is the capital budget.

Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Falvey reported that the pilot program for the toters will continue a little longer, and the committee will be looking into long term costs to implement the single stream recycling. The committee will meet soon.

Audit Committee – Mr. Ecke reported that the committee recommended appointment of the auditor for 2012 – McGladrey & Pullen, LLC.

## **B. Miscellaneous**

### **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 10, 2012 and April 28, 2012.**

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

MOVED that the minutes of April 10, 2012 and April 28, 2012 be approved subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

### **12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **A. Liaison Reports**

Pension Board – Mr. Ruocco commented on the board being very qualified to handle the pensions of the Town; investment strategies and rebalancing decisions were discussed; and, things are well managed.

WPCA – Mr. Schrumm reported that the Town received final word on the Clean Water Fund Grant of 20% on the \$30 million plant upgrade, and 2% interest loan on the balance of 80% of the project. It is possible the Town could get a 30% grant pending legislative approval, and some prison money from the DOC.

With regard to the motion on the floors, Mr. Schrumm said it was refreshing to have a nice clean motion coming forward to the Council, and this is the way the process should work. He commended the PBC for this effort.

Ms. Flynn-Harris asked how far along WPCA is on the design phase of the plant upgrade.

Mr. Schrumm said the final design is not ready to go to bid, as they were waiting for the technology for the phosphorous piece, and there has been much going

back and forth. The value engineering people looked at it, and there are still some questions on whether the Town will be .2 or .7, and there are different methods of handling this, including the chemical method, filtration method, etc. Until this is resolved the last piece could not be done. The plan all along was to do the filter system, but if the State did not give the money, they would have had to put a hole in the ground, build the bucket to handle the filtration system, but not do the filtration system. The Clean Water grant is handed out annually to the communities getting ready to go into the project. In the last year major cities, i.e. Hartford, came in and wanted to take up all the Clean Water money. Last year Cheshire was #34 on the list, and this year was #5 for funding because the project was shovel ready. Getting the Clean Water Fund financing is a good thing for the Town.

Mr. Slocum suggested inviting the WPCA members to address the Council on this project by July.

Mr. Schrumm said the WPCA will be here for the capital budget. The Town has two other pump stations completed with design phase, but building funds were pushed out due to the plant upgrade project.

Ms. Flynn-Harris agreed with Mr. Slocum that the WPCA should come before the Council with a review of the treatment plant upgrade project.

Board of Education – Mr. Falvey reported that the BOE is working on the locker room project.

Library – Mr. Falvey reported there is grant money for the additional construction and the RFID project is moving along.

**B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Letters to Council.**

**B. Miscellaneous**

Chairman Slocum commented on the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and the Town Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

MOVED to enter Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. to include Mr. Zullo to discuss personnel issues.



VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

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

MOVED to exit Executive Session at 9:41 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOVED to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 9:41 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk