

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,  
APRIL 8, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET,  
CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum; Vice Chairman David Schrumm; Council members Patti Flynn-Harris, Liz Linehan, Sylvia Nichols, Robert J. Oris, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Peter Talbot.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Fire Marshal Jeff Dougherty; Deputy Fire Chief Don Youngquist; PW Director George Noewatne; Parks and Rec Director Robert Ceccolini; Assessor Mario Panagrosso.

Dept. of Education – Dr. Greg Florio, Supt. Of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Director of Management Services; BOE Chairman Gerry Brittingham

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recognition of 2013 Fire Prevention Poster contest winners.**

Fire Marshal Doherty announced the winners of the contest – Highland School 4<sup>th</sup> grader Celina Mellilo, and 5<sup>th</sup> grader Ryan Shan. The Cheshire winning posters have been submitted to the State competition. Chairman Slocum presented Ms. Meillio and Mr. Shan with Proclamations honoring their winning the poster contest.

**B. Quarterly recognition of Consent Calendar donations.**

Chairman Slocum expressed appreciation to the people and organizations that donated to the Town of Cheshire for the quarter January 2014-March 2014. He recognized the donors: Yellow House programs, Michael and Marilyn D'Angelo, Cathleen Devlin, First Congregational Church, Cheshire Lights of Hope, Marie and Bob Hirschfeld, Assessor and Tax Collectors Office Employees, Brilliant Women Book Club, Town Employees, Meredith, Erica & John Dickson, Estate of Lois Bernier, Ray Voelker, Richard Walesky, Alexion Pharmaceuticals. Total donations were \$62,981.

**C. Public Comments**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-1

RESOLUTION #040814-1  
CONSENT CALENDAR FOR APRIL 8, 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for April 8, 2014, as follows:

- A. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$5,650.89 to the Asset Forfeiture Account.
- B. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$50 donation to the Human Services Gift Account to help residents in need.
- C. Authorization to apply for a 2015 Historic Document Preservation Grant for \$7,500 for downloading land record documents.
- D. Authorization to apply for a Main Street Investment Fund Grant.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$500 donation from St. Peters Episcopal Church to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

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

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of SmartBus contract**  
**This agenda item was moved to the end of New Business.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Adoption of the FY 2014-2015 General Fund Operating Budget.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-3

RESOLUTION #040814-3  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council appropriates the following amounts for the Town of Cheshire General Fund Operating Budget, for fiscal year 2014-2015:

General Government	\$28,414,487
Debt Service	\$ 7,952,547
Contingency	\$ 125,000
Capital Non-Recurring Reserve	\$ 1,100,000

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council appropriates the amount of \$65,608,180 for the Board of Education Budget.

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of all revenues, transfers from other funds and allocation of general fund equity for the fiscal year 2014-2015 Town of Cheshire General Fund Operating Budget will be in the amount of \$103,200,214, and

D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rate be set at 30.22 mills which will generate \$79,982,710 at a collection rate of 99.0% for fiscal year 2014-2015.

That the tax payments for motor vehicles and personal property shall all be due and payable in one payment on July 1, 2014; and

That real estate tax payments shall be paid in two equal payments with the first payment due on July 1, 2014, and the second payment due on January 1, 2015.

That pursuant to Section 12-144 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, that any real estate tax bill on the 2013 grand list in an amount not in excess of \$100.00 shall be due and payable in a single installment on July 1, 2014; and

That, pursuant to Sections 12-142 and 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the last date for payment of taxes due July 1, 2014 will be August 1, 2014. Payment of taxes due July 1, 2014 which are received after August 1, 2014 will be assessed interest calculated from the original due date of July 1, 2014.

Also, that pursuant to Sections 12-142 and 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the last date for payment of taxes due January 1, 2015 will be February 2, 2015. Payment of taxes due January 1, 2015 which are received after February 2, 2015 will be assessed interest calculated from the due date of January 1, 2015.

#### Discussion

Mr. Schrumm thanked Town Manager Milone, Finance Director Jaskot, Deputy Finance Director DeFilio, Finance Department and Town staff for their work on the operating budget. He stated the budget raises General Government and BOE spending by 2.6%; Town Government increases by \$791,000; BOE increases by \$1.9 million; mill rate will be 30.22 mills, a 1.86% increase in the average tax bill.

Mr. Schrumm noted the revaluations will show up in the tax bills; some taxpayers will pay less and some will pay more. The budget does not use one time revenue to keep taxes down for one year, as this creates a revenue hole in the next year which tends to be filled with a quick fix. There are two items in the \$103 million budget. First, the State Legislature will increase Cheshire's funding by about \$400,000, and this money cannot be counted on in future years. Second, the Town is refinancing long term debt, generating \$450,000 in savings, which will be set aside for future debt bills on the treatment plant in 2017. Mr. Schrumm said the Council has been saving money in the debt service reserve account, and will continue this effort for future debt. The BOE has

\$1.9 million in this budget; the BOE has received an average of \$1 million in the last five years while enrollment has decreased by 664 students; and, the budget includes the cost of \$1 million for the BOE increased medical benefits. There has been much discussion about full day kindergarten, but Mr. Schrumm said the larger issue is handling the decline in student enrollment based on demographics. According to Mr. Schrumm this budget is straight forward and forward looking, anticipates future budget problems and solving them. He said the Council has worked hard with Town staff to maintain a strong financial position, excellent bond rating, declining debt payments, and overall quality of life for people of all ages and incomes. Mr. Schrumm urged adoption of the budget.

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

MOVED that the Town Council consider a substitute motion for the fiscal year 2014-2015 General Fund Operating Budget as follows:

A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council appropriates the following amounts for the Town of Cheshire General Fund Operating Budget, for fiscal year 2014-2015:

General Government	\$28,427,687
Debt Service	\$ 7,732,547
Contingency	\$ 125,000
Capital Non-Recurring Reserve	\$ 1,100,000

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council appropriates the amount of \$66,008,180 for the Board of Education Budget.

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of all revenues, transfers from other funds and allocation of general fund equity for the fiscal year 2014-2015 Town of Cheshire General Fund Operating Budget will be in the amount of \$103,393,414, and

D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rate be set at 30.25 mills which will generate \$80,074,548 at a collection rate of 99.0% for fiscal year 2014-2015.

That the tax payments for motor vehicles and personal property shall all be due and payable in one payment on July 1, 2014; and

That real estate tax payments shall be paid in two equal payments with the first payment due on July 1, 2014, and the second payment due on January 1, 2015.

That pursuant to Section 12-144 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, that any real estate tax bill on the 2013 grand list in an amount not in excess of \$100.00 shall be due and payable in a single installment on July 1, 2014; and

That, pursuant to Sections 12-142 and 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the last date for payment of taxes due July 1, 2014 will be August 1, 2014. Payment of taxes due July 1, 2014 which are received after August 1, 2014 will be assessed interest calculated from the original due date of July 1, 2014.

Also, that pursuant to Sections 12-142 and 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the last date for payment of taxes due January 1, 2015 will be February 2, 2015. Payment of taxes due January 1, 2015 which are received after February 2, 2015 will be assessed interest calculated from the due date of January 1, 2015.

#### Discussion

Mr. Talbot thanked Town Manager Milone, Finance Director Jaskot, Ms. DeFilio, Department Heads and Town staff for their outstanding work in bringing two budgets forward.

It was stated by Mr. Talbot that the Council must approve one of the two budgets; they are different; mill rate difference of 3/100ths from 30.22 to 30.25; and this translates to a \$7.00 difference for the entire year to the average taxpayer. The budget out of committee is Mr. Schrumm's budget, and at the last meeting all Councilors were not happy with the budget. The alternative budget is a collaborative, bi-partisan effort, incorporating many ideas and suggestions from Councilors Flynn-Harris, Linehan, Nichols, Oris and Talbot. The one change in the Schrumm budget to get to 30.22 mill rate is a cut in the Dept. of Education by \$1.3 million; there are no new services, no other cuts, no other adjustments and no creativity and very little thought. It just cuts the education by \$1.3 million. It was pointed out by Mr. Talbot that the Talbot budget includes implementation of full day kindergarten, addition of Sunday Library hours January to March, and judicious use of fund balance, with the cost to the average taxpayer of \$7.00 per year more than the Schrumm budget.

People will be told the Schrumm budget adds \$1.9 million to education. It was pointed out by Mr. Talbot that the BOE has been forced to use its medical benefits trust fund over the last few years, and with the Schrumm budget there is not enough for the trust fund, and not enough money to add full day kindergarten. Mr. Talbot is a strong supporter of the full day kindergarten program, and noted April 6-12 is the Week of the Young Child. This celebration focuses public attention on the needs of children and families and recognizes the early childhood programs and services to meet these needs. He commented on a speaker who said not having full day kindergarten is a flaw in our education system, and implored the necessary investment in education. Mr. Talbot thanked the BOE, administration, full day kindergarten supporters, feasibility study committee, for bringing the proposal forward and keeping it in focus.

Mr. Talbot urged the Council to adopt the alternative budget as proposed. He said this budget moves the Town forward, maintains a reasonable mill rate, adds services, and positions the Town for the future.

Stating he was not allowed to present a formal budget proposal for presentation, Mr. Oris said he will support the alternative budget presented by Mr. Talbot. He noted the alternative budget is similar to the one he proposed during meetings and includes many of his suggestions. This budget sets a mill rate of 30.25 mills, a 1.97% increase. The Schrumm budget has a mill rate of 30.22 mills, a 1.85% increase, and between the two it equates to a \$7.00 increase to the average taxpayer. His budget thoughts are predicated on goals of balancing fiscal prudence in all decision making, seeking savings and efficiencies, minimizing a tax impact to residents while maintaining adequate community services, targeting investment in key areas, and having a long term view of the Town's finances and issues. At 30.25 mills, Mr. Oris said the increase of \$7.00 is a small price to pay to educate our children, the youngest learners, who are our future.

Mr. Oris cited the following facts. The alternative Talbot budget cuts the original general operating budget requested increase of \$3.9 million by \$891,000 vs. the Schrumm budget which cuts the budget by just over \$1 million. The BOE budget is reduced by \$882,000; it is a well thought out proposal which took into account the basic needs of the BOE; and General Government budget is cut by \$238,000 or 18%. This budget funds about \$400,000 more to the BOE; this is the minimum necessary to fund full day kindergarten; while the alternative budget dooms full day kindergarten. Mr. Oris commented on his belief that education must have target investment; all children must be offered a top notch education; and there is a direct correlation between the quality of our schools and our property values. This budget provides cautious use of one time revenue generators, increased funding to the debt service reserve, and maintains an excellent fund balance. The budget is the conclusion of many weeks of discussion between Town Council, Mr. Milone, Dr. Florio, BOE, Town staff, and members of the community. Stating he is proud to have played a meaningful role in the budget process, Mr. Oris supports the alternative (Talbot) budget.

Ms. Flynn-Harris expressed appreciation and thanks to Mr. Milone, Mr. Jaskot, Ms. DeFilio, Finance Department and Town staff for their work on the budget. She said the budget impacts department heads who work within their budgets, are not spend thrifts, keep overtime down, have logical requests, with the Town Manager doing a good job checking records and budgets. Everyone takes the process with a great deal of thought and concern. Compromise is an important part of the budget process, compromise between needs and wants, all demographics of the Town, and Ms. Flynn-Harris cited the fact that 41% of residents are below 19 years of age or 65+. She said education is important; we are fiscally responsible when you look at this budget; and people want services such as extended Library hours. Ms. Flynn-Harris commented on Cheshire being a small town, not a large city, and said we can't keep trying to minimize this government where it will no longer provide services to the people. This is a worthwhile budget, and Ms. Flynn-Harris said it is worth voting for.

Mr. Ruocco thanked Mr. Milone, Mr. Jaskot, Ms. Defilio and Town staff for their work on the budget. He has three primary concerns. One is property value changes as a result of the revaluation which disaffects some people and is an advantage to others. Some people will see tax reductions on higher valued homes, and others will see a tax

increase on lower valued homes. Second is the decreasing grand list which is a bad sign for the Town, region and the economy. Third is the increasing cost of government salaries and benefits which is 80% of the Town's spending. During the budget process the Town Manager came back with overtime reductions, no increase in part time hours, and in the substitute motion there are more full time employees. The municipal side is trying to find 5 to 10 hours more, and education is adding employees. The first (Schrumm) budget reduces the BOE allocation because education must find an offset for full day kindergarten program, and drop other programs or services. The alternative (Talbot) budget is a \$2.3 million proposal and includes enough funding for full day kindergarten, with no other BOE service reductions. The proposed BOE budget was a \$3.3 million increase; the substitute motion takes \$880,000 off this budget; and the question is whether the original BOE budget is credible.

Mr. Ruocco noted the fact that the Republican budget funded the BOE for \$1.9 million increase to fund their programs and live within their means. Regarding the benefit structure in government, Mr. Ruocco knows Town employees work hard, but the benefit structure is not seen in private industry. He said that every department in Town makes Cheshire an excellent place to live, and he does not want one department to monopolize that characteristic. The non-education side deserves credit for making Cheshire a good place to live. He said there must be spending reductions, modest use of savings and fund balance, and this is living within our means. Mr. Ruocco will support the first budget proposal.

Ms. Linehan thanked Mr. Milone and Town staff for their work on the budget. She commented on being the demographic which is being talked about, and is the mother of three children, one of whom will go to Cheshire kindergarten. Her daughter attends a magnet pre-school in Hartford for two years, could read at age 3, speaks Spanish, does math work problems, has competence, and has friends. The full day kindergarten gives children the chance to learn and grow as individuals. Just looking at the numbers is a disservice to the children of Cheshire. Studies show that high performance school districts have houses demanding \$50 more per square foot. As an average taxpayer, with school age children, the budget is more than numbers...it is people. Ms. Linehan urged the Council to adopt the alternate (Talbot) budget as proposed because we are a town of people not numbers.

Mr. Sima thanked Mr. Milone and Town staff for their work on the budget. He cited one reason he is not in full agreement with Mr. Schrumm's budget – it is taking too much money out of reserve accounts. Last year \$700,000 was taken out of fund reserves, and the alternative budget (Talbot) takes another \$100,000 out, for a total of \$800,000. As the fund balance goes below 8% it must be replenished; there must be one month of reserves set aside for any unforeseen events/emergency. Another difference not talked about in the two budgets is the \$620,000 not showing up in the numbers of \$103.2 million and \$103.4 million. There is \$220,000 more used in the refinancing paying for something new; \$100,000 in fund balance; and \$300,000 is a shift from the BOE request of \$3.3 million increase to set up the new structure for full day kindergarten in school buildings with modifications. This \$300,000 is the balance of funds from other

C.N.R. projects or capital projects, to be redirected to the full day kindergarten program. This is why the \$300,000 has not been addressed at this time and deauthorized and moved over to something else. With a \$2.3 million budget increase the BOE can implement full day kindergarten.

Mr. Sima supports the Schrumm budget, said there must be compromise, and wants to pull back and not spend money on new programs. He was lower on what some of the department increases should be, and said the Republican budget was discussed in caucus, and it is not just Mr. Schrumm's budget. Regarding the \$7 net increase, 48% of the people having a decrease, and 52% having an increase, is blending the averages together. Mr. Sima looks at businesses which keep a community afloat with a right mixture of household and businesses to fund the expenses for a school system, public safety and public works departments. The budget going to 30.25 mills will be an assessment of business vehicles and equipment, and businesses cannot go for a long time without purchasing machinery, vehicles and equipment. The mill rate change will have a huge impact on town businesses. Mr. Sima said it is important to keep taxes as low as possible, keep the community as safe as possible, and make it possible for people to continue to live in the community. Mr. Sima stated his support of the budget at 30.22 mill rate increase.

Ms. Nichols said she has struggled today seriously thinking about all the problems, and must focus on allocating revenue of Cheshire in a responsible manner for the taxpayers. The revaluation will impact taxpayers; debt service increases with the treatment plant upgrade project; the inconsistency of State funding will impact the Town; sources of funding are changing; demand for services is escalating; cost of all Town departments is rising; and we should minimize the cost to taxpayers.

In her tenure on the Council, Ms. Nichols pointed out that many measures have been implemented to decrease the cost of government. There has been advanced planning to maximize tax dollars as larger infrastructure issues are faced, including maintaining an 8% fund balance. Services are continued to be delivered on a high level, and Cheshire is a fiscally sound community unlike others that do not have the foresight to plan ahead. Ms. Nichols commented on the emotionally charged issues which inspire public comment, positive and negative, and accepting criticism and praise on single issues. There have been issues which have advantages and disadvantages, and this is part of her job and what she signed on for. She must look at the entire picture, take emotion out of her decision, and determine the long term benefit to the entire Town. Compromise is required, and she is also concerned about use of reserve funds and increasing the base of the budget. Ms. Nichols has consulted with her colleagues, spoke with finance staff, and looked at the budget proposal from Mr. Talbot, and she finds it presents a reasonable compromise. She was prepared to support Mr. Schrumm's budget as reasonable and prudent to watch our spending going forward and not take money out of reserve accounts and build a base on a budget that is hard to sustain. As a business owner for 30 years, Ms. Nichols had to keep her budget under control, be fiscally prudent, save money, and at times had to take calculated risks. Those risks usually were done when she could see a good value for her risk taking and

reasonable expectation that those risks would be successful. In this case the Council will be doing the FY 15-16 budget and she knows the concern is by adding to the base budget we are setting a precedent that will be difficult going forward. Next April it will be incumbent upon the Council to not follow this as a precedent and automatically add to budgets every year. This is a unique year, revaluation year, and to put a small amount into a budget to fund a program which will increase educational benefits for our children is there. Ms. Nichols has done research and talked to educators, and knows that full day kindergarten will not guarantee or insure children will be successful CEO's. It will ease the transition into first grade, probably make them more competent in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but it will not make a difference when they get to high school. She has seen trends in education come and go, and is concerned that full day kindergarten is one of these things that will go quickly, but research shows it is here to stay, and is a viable program. The risk is reasonable; the compromise is a good one; and she will support the budget proposed by Mr. Talbot.

Chairman Slocum thanked the UConn Husky Men's Basketball team for a wonderful performance in the NCAA tournament.

Mr. Slocum has looked at the numbers and year after year the numbers go up despite efforts of the Town Manager, department heads, finance staff and other Town staff. Since 2007 we have been talking about the bad economy which is a burden on households. The Council is putting more burden on households at \$7 per year, but Mr. Slocum said he has never paid \$7 more in taxes, and pays a lot more in taxes. The Town Council has put forth reasonable, responsible budgets, has redefined that way contracts have been organized, there have been pension changes with reduced costs, has thought with their heads, and Town staff has done the thinking and talking. He is confused with the direction being taken, but is not disappointed in his colleagues who work hard and are friends. Chairman Slocum supports the Republican budget.

VOTE on the substitute motion (Talbot Budget). In favor – 5; Flynn-Harris, Linehan, Nichols, Oris, Talbot; Opposed – 4; Slocum, Schrumm, Ruocco, Sima.  
The substitute motion carried 5-4.

**B. Adoption of the FY 2014-2015 Water Pollution Control Department Fund Operating Budget.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-4

RESOLUTION #040814-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council appropriates the sum of \$3,484,674 for the Town of Cheshire Water Pollution Control Fund Operating Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, and that the sum of revenues and allocation of Water Pollution Control Fund equity for the fiscal year 2014-2015 Town of Cheshire Water Pollution Control Fund Operating budget also be in the amount of \$3,484,674, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council recommends that the Water Pollution Control Authority consider increasing the Sewer Use Charge to \$380 per year, effective December 1, 2014.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**C.     Adoption of the FY 2014-2015 Community Pool Fund Operating Budget.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-5

RESOLUTION #040814-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheshire Town Council appropriates the sum of \$743,922 for the Town of Cheshire Community Pool Fund Operating Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, and that the sum of revenues and transfers from other funds for the fiscal year 2014-2015 Town of Cheshire Community Pool Fund Operating Budget also be in the amount of \$743,922.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Schrumm asked for confirmation that the full \$1 million of the BOE budget will go into the medical benefits line item.

In response, Mr. Masciana said he could not speak for the BOE and make a commitment.

**D.     Award of bid for Chimney Repairs project.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-6

RESOLUTION #040814-6

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, per the recommendation of the Public Building Commission, awards the bid to Martin Laviero for the repair work on chimneys at Norton, Darcey and Doolittle Schools for \$45,852.

Discussion

Mr. Sima stated that the high school chimney is in disrepair, and all the chimneys in the schools were checked. He explained that the contractor who did the work last year was not the lowest bidder, and another contractor was awarded the project, at a savings of \$34,000.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**E-1. Authorization to execute the First Supplemental Agreement with the State Of Connecticut for additional design work on the Linear Trail project, and Allocation of additional \$6,000.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-7

RESOLUTION #040814-7

BE IT RESOLVED, Michael A. Milone, Town Manager, be and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement entitled "First Supplemental Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Cheshire for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Farmington Canal Heritage Greenway Utilizing Federal Funds under the Transportation Enhancement Component of the Surface Transportation Program."

Discussion

Mr. Sima advised this is entering into the agreement for the funding of the Trail.

PW Director Noewatne stated the agreement is the first supplemental agreement between the State and the Town for \$30,000 for two specific design elements. One is for the design and survey of the expanded Jarvis Street parking lot, and the other is the storm water permit. The request is \$30,000, net \$6,000 to the Town, with 80% paid by the State.

There is an Excel spreadsheet, April 2014, which shows how we got to this point. In August 2011 there was a capital planning account appropriation of \$200,000 to begin design of the Trail. In July 2012 there was another \$112,100, for a total of \$312,100 to design the Trail. The increase was due to a competitive process for the designer, and Milone and MacBroom was chosen as best qualified at a fee of \$312,100.

Ms. Flynn-Harris asked about the archeological findings and map showing changes taking place, and the report from the State on the actual findings.

Mr. Noewatne reported that the survey is completed, and they did find stone and implements and the layout was shifted closer to the canal. The purpose was for preservation and containment of the archeological site, and the parking lot shows an increase of 80 parking spaces and lighting. The base cost is \$312,100; \$250,000 State grant; and a balance of \$62,100 as the Town's liability. In June 2013 there was a request for \$65,000 for increase in design costs and all work north of Jarvis to be performed. About 400 to 500 feet of the section will be developed as part of the Town project with inclusion of the parking lot and archeological survey.

The subject agreement is the first supplemental agreement for \$30,000 for the parking lot and storm water permit fees. If approved, the design will be finalized by July 2, 2014, and to the State bid in early September for the project and potential construction next year.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**E-2.** MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-8

RESOLUTION #040814-8

RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AMENDED RESOLUITON  
APPROPRIATING \$377,100 FOR CAPITAL PLANNING AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$377,100 BONDS  
OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND  
PENDING THE ISSURANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF  
TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

(a copy of Resolution #040814-8 is attached to these minutes)

Discussion

Mr. Milone stated that while the project is aggregated at \$407,100, there is \$81,100 net to the Town, and it is not required to go to referendum.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**E-3.** MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-9

RESOLUTION #040814-9

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves a revision to the current contract with Milone and MacBroom to include additional survey and design work for \$19,145 and preparation for general storm water permit for \$10,562 for the Linear Park project, and further authorizes Town Manager Michael A. Milone, pursuant to Resolution #091200-10 to execute said contract revision and agreement documents.

Discussion

Mr. Milone stated that when he became Town Manager there was a resolution #091200-10 which must be followed for handling of all matters with the firm of Milone and MacBroom to insure there is no conflict of interest. This resolution is incorporated when Milone and MacBroom is hired.

Mr. Sima noted that Milone and MacBroom has been working on this project since the onset, and they are continuing onto the next phase. There was a meeting with the State of Connecticut for a presentation, and one topic was the need for more parking for the Southington and Cheshire people.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**F. Acceptance and appropriation of a Connecticut Department of Transportation Local Bridget Program Grant for Blacks Road Bridge Project and authorization to execute Agreement for said grant.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-10

RESOLUTION #040814-10

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council accepts and appropriates a \$272,350.32 Connecticut Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program Grant for Blacks Road over Honeypot Brook, Bridge No. 025018, State Project No. 9025-0018, and further authorizes Town Manager Michael A. Milone to execute the said grant agreement and any documents required to secure this grant.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**G. Approval of expansion request from Friends of Boulder Knoll and Amendment to agreement.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-11

RESOLUTION #040814-11

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Town Council, pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Committee, approves the amendment to the lease by and between the Friends of Boulder Knoll and the Town of Cheshire for a portion of the Boulder Knoll Farm property; said amendment includes one smaller additional hoop house adjacent to the existing hoop house; moving the education program to the new smaller hoop house, bringing electricity to both hoop houses through CL&P at the expense of the Friends of Boulder Knoll, and permission for Friends of Boulder Knoll to use the old shed for storage of non-valuable items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Manager Michael A. Milone is authorized to execute said lease agreement amendment upon the Town Attorney's acceptance of said document.

Discussion

The Council was informed by Mr. Sima that Dr. Giddings, President of the Friends of Boulder Knoll, met with the Planning Committee and requested the proposed changes. The Friends group needs another hoop house of similar size as the current one to conduct their education program. The first hoop house will be used for produce. They will also use the small shed to store non-valuable items, and will coordinate with CL&P temporary electric services at the Friends expense.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**H.     Approval of Assignment and Assumption of Concession Stand Agreement By Cheshire Youth Baseball.**

MOTION by Mr. Oris; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-12

RESOLUTION #040814-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, approves the Assignment and Assumption of Concession Stand Agreement between Cheshire Youth Baseball, Inc. and Dennis Torello, pursuant to terms of a Concession Stand Agreement dated November 16, 2009, by and between the Town of Cheshire and Cheshire Youth Baseball, Inc.

Discussion

Mr. Oris explained that this is a request from CYB to sub-lease the stand to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party operator, and the stand is currently staffed by CYB volunteers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party operator will provide for more regular staffing; the fee charged is \$8,000 per year; CYB will use the money to help offset CYB fees to play baseball and give money to the Parks and Rec Department for upgrade and maintenance of the fields. Mr. Oris said he did not see the lease as part of the package to the Council.

Joe Miller, 180 Crescent Circle, President of CYB, stated that the \$8,000 fee is for two years, and the agreement is being worked out by the Town Attorney and Mr. Torello's attorney.

Ms. Flynn-Harris asked if CYB is pleased with the negotiated fees.

According to Mr. Miller the average CYB profit has been about \$4,500 with extreme amount of work of 4 or 5 volunteers. He said Mr. Torello has a food business, is pleased with the arrangement, and CYB gives its profits to the Town and is pleased with the arrangement.

It was noted by Mr. Oris that timing is important for the concession stand so it is open for spring and summer play. He asked about the agreement going back to Council, and if it would be seen again next month.

There are questions involved, and Chairman Slocum said he would refer the matter to the Planning Committee to receive information from CYB and the Town Attorney. It will then be referred back to the full Town Council for the May meeting.

Mr. Miller explained that the agreement was put together months ago and written in 2013. The contract was looked at by Mr. Torello, he had some questions, and CYB is not giving up ownership of the stand, just the operation and running of the stand in season.

In that regard, Chairman Slocum said it is the Town leasing the stand to a food vendor.

The Council held a brief discussion on the matter, and Chairman Slocum then referred the matter to the Planning Committee. Mr. Sima will hold a Planning Committee very soon, and asked Councilors to forward questions to him or the Town Manager so the matter can be vetted as soon as possible.

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

MOVED that the concession stand agreement be tabled to the May 2014 Town Council meeting.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**I.       Approval of 401A Plan for Police Pension**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-13

**RESOLUTION #040814-13**

WHEREAS, the Cheshire Code of Ordinances Section 2-131(e) provides that the Town Council may adopt and amend retirement plans at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to adopt the retirement plan known as the "Town of Cheshire 401(a) Plan" effective April 8, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Code of Ordinances Section 2-131(3), hereby adopts the "Town of Cheshire 401(A) Plan" effective April 8,2014, as presented to the Town Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that contributions made by all employees of the Town of Cheshire who are eligible under the Town of Cheshire 401(a) Plan, although designated as employee contributions, will be paid by the Town of Cheshire to the Trustee of the Plan in lieu of employee contributions. Such contributions will reduce the amount of such an employees' earnings, and are intended to qualify as "pick-up contributions" under Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the notation of this Resolution via the addition of the following language to Section 133 of the Code of Ordinances:

*"(13) Town of Cheshire 401(a) Plan, effective April 8, 2014."*

Discussion

Mr. Ruocco stated that the Town closed out the Cheshire Police Officers defined pension plan and instituted a deferred contribution plan.

With the defined pension plan closed out, Finance Director Jaskot said there must be a defined contribution plan for new hires in the Police Department. He advised that all Town union groups have 457B plans; the 401A plan works the same way, is set up the same way, but falls under different IRS regulations. He said the Council must formally adopt the defined contribution plan under the IRS rules. The employee contributions that are paid under the plan will have pre-tax status the same as the 457B plans. The Town contributes 6% and officers contribute 6% of their pay, and officers are responsible to manage their own plans.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**J.     Notice to proceed and approval of financing option for Energy Performance Contracting.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-14

RESOLUTION #040814-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Notice to Proceed for the Energy Services Agreement dated March 17, 2014 by and between the Town of Cheshire and Ameresco, Inc.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**7J-1** MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-15

RESOLUTION #040814-15

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves a Lease Financing Agreement with the Bank of America under the following terms:

Loan Amount of \$9,795,000  
At an all in rate of 2.81% (with PURA buydown)  
For a repayment period of 16 years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute said Agreement and any documents necessary for its execution.

Discussion

Mr. Sima said this is the piece of the performance contract which has been worked on for a few years, and will start moving forward. There was talk about a 3% interest rate for borrowing the money; it is now at 2.81%; this frees up about \$822,000 in extra money to do more energy related work in the schools/town buildings or any issues or problems which arise. Mr. Sima was hoping for a 15 year buy down, but this gives only \$240,000 in rebates. At 15 years the Town starts reaping savings from the energy performance rather than the ESCO getting the extra year of savings. He sees the viewpoint of having the extra money and more energy savings projects moving forward.

VOTE           The motion passed 8-1; Sima opposed.

**K.     Approval of lease for a portion of Boulder Knoll property for use for a Sunflower project.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-16

RESOLUTION #040814-16

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves a successor lease to Kerry Deegan for a portion of Boulder Knoll property for the purpose of growing sunflowers, under the same terms and conditions, term from present to December 31, 2014, as attached, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to execute said lease in the form and upon the terms and conditions as presented at this meeting.

Discussion

Ms. Flynn-Harris stated there is a lot of interest about the sunflowers which bloom in August, and it will be a fund raiser.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Before the next agenda item, Mr. Milone thanked Town Assessor Mario Panagrosso and Ms. Talbot for their work behind the scenes for Town matters.

**L.       Approval of and authorization to execute Stipulation of Judgment for 7 McKee Place, possible executive session.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-17

RESOLUTION #040814-17

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the tax appeal settlement and authorizes the execution of the Stipulation of Judgment for SPCP Group III CNI 3, LLC v. Town of Cheshire for 7 McKee Place, and

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

Discussion

Mr. Panagrosso informed the Council about the settlement agreement. There was a pre-trial on January 7, 2014; a tentative agreement was reached between the owners of 7 McKee Place, a 30,000 sq.ft. office building and the Town for the 2012 grand list from the 2008 revaluation. The market value is \$4.2 million; the settlement was \$3.5 million market value; the expert appraiser estimated the value at \$3.2 million to \$3.6 million; and the \$3.5 million was in the middle range. The second part of the agreement was to lower the 2013 assessment to \$2.8 million, so a court case would not go forward. The cost is \$14,000 in revenue for one year only, without any further appeals. The current assessment is \$1.96 million. Real estate taxes fall into the current budget and were paid by the owner. The settlement comes out of the current budget with a refund to the property owner.

VOTE           The motion passed 8-1; Sima opposed.

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Ms. Linehan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #040814-2

RESOLUTION #040814-2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the agreement by and between Student Guardian and the Town of Cheshire upon the terms as presented and attached, and authorizes Town Manager Michael A. Milone to execute said agreement.

#### Discussion

Ms. Flynn-Harris noted that this matter has come before the Council twice and sent back to the Planning Committee for review. At the March 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting, Transportation Coordinator Luther Miller was present. After he left, she asked Mr. Masciana for information about recent surveys with the bus drivers. There is a standard form, Stop Arm Violation Survey, which is done on a regular basis. In the most recent survey of 14 bus routes, on South Main Street near Everybody's Market, there are 1 to 2 illegal passing of stopped buses per day. On Route 10, Highland Avenue, there is at least one per day; Main Street/Highland Avenue at least once a day; Ives Row/West Main Street at least once a day, and Yalesville Road 1 to 3 per week. At the committee meeting there was a question on whether or not there is an issue, and Mr. Miller continues to tell the Council there is an issue. The program is not costing the Town any money; it will not be a revenue generator; the purpose of the program is to be a deterrent, stop people and get the word out that Cheshire takes this seriously. This is harmful and dangerous to our children who are riding buses to school. Mr. Miller informed Ms. Flynn-Harris that there was a "near miss" on Route 10 the prior week, and there have been other near misses. This is the purpose of the program – to stop the near misses because people will know the cameras are on the buses in Cheshire. Ms. Flynn-Harris commented on the Town of Hamden having the cameras on bus program, and people are aware and have stopped speeding and passing buses. If there is another near miss she wants the license plate of "big brother" of the person. Ms. Flynn-Harris asked the Council to pass this program for the sake of children on the buses.

Ms. Linehan asked about a public relations/marketing plan to alert people about the cameras on buses as a deterrent. The Dept. of Education will handle this matter.

Mr. Masciana informed the Council there has been newspaper reporting on this issue, and the BOE will discuss the program. Information will be put on Power School, communicated through the school system, and he noted that PSA's have no had much impact, but hopes the ticket does have impact.

Stating her support of the program, Ms. Linehan would like to see fewer instances and ticketing. Because it is important, she hopes the Council passes it, and she would be proud of her part in its passage.

Regarding the program, Mr. Talbot asked if Chief Dryfe could utilize the police bill board signs to send out a message that the situation is taken very seriously.

Mr. Milone said this is a good idea, and there are also the safety boards used by the Public Safety Commission. He will follow up on these ideas and inform the Council.

This program rubs Councilor Ruocco the wrong way because it cannot reach enough people to stop the violations, and it is not a public safety issue or precautionary measure, but an opportunity to apprehend people. He talked about the contract and revenue to keep the program going, and without revenue the program goes away. The cameras will be on six buses; people should know their child may be on a bus without a camera; and his feedback is that the cameras will not do much. He asked about a sticker on the bus stating there is a camera on board/video surveillance, and said this is the only way people will stop. This is a revenue incentive, and when revenue stops the program stops.

The Council was told by Ms. Flynn-Harris that there are 40 routes; 5 routes report no one passing them; and this is why only certain routes have been chosen. On South Main Street/Old Lane Road averages 4 cars a week – one a day. The routes being looked at are those flagged for violations, and this is not preventative but a deterrent. It has been shown by the company that when tickets start to go out, the word is out, and there will be a decrease in violations.

Mr. Masciana said there are 40 bus routes; a route analysis will be done after the first phase of the contract; and it will be determined where illegal passes occur. Once equipment is installed, the bus can be moved to a different route where needed.

The BOE is working on the bus contract, and Chairman Slocum questioned whether this is a sensitive issue.

According to Mr. Masciana, the current bus company, Dattco, endorses and supports the program, and bus providers in Connecticut use the equipment and support the program.

If the program does not generate enough revenue for the contractor, Mr. Slocum asked if the DOE endorse continuation of the program.

In response, Mr. Masciana explained that if the company is not making enough money and do not pull the equipment, there is no harm in leaving the equipment on the buses. He noted that if equipment is pulled off the buses this is a good problem, and the Town is not seeing illegal passes. The company can pull the equipment after 12 months but not before according to the terms of the contract.

Stating he used the term “big brother” Mr. Sima is not in favor of the process, but was willing to bring it forward to the full Council. He said you cannot use a system which takes a picture; there should be live monitoring of all the times the bus flag goes out and stop lights go on. The camera is not on all the time – only when the red lights flash. The information is uploaded when the bus returns to the terminal; it becomes the property of Student Guardian; everyone has access to the information; and in 6 days the driving habits of people can be seen. This is the government being more intrusive every day. Mr. Sima will not support the resolution, and hopes Chief Dryfe puts more

police cars in the areas where school buses are being passed. He also said the BOE tries to insure children are not crossing the road when they leave the bus.

Mr. Oris asked about labeling of all the buses, even those without cameras, and believes it will be helpful and appropriate to put signs on the buses. People would not know if the bus has a camera or not, and this can be done at little expense. Mr. Oris does not know if the cameras are a deterrent or will save a child from being hit by a car, but the possibility of saving one child's life, with little or no cost to the Town, is a positive. He hopes the resolution will be passed, at no cost to the taxpayers, and he supports saving children's lives. Mr. Oris asked that the BOE look into stickers on all school buses.

Mr. Masciana noted there are flashing lights on the front and rear of the bus alerting people to the bus stopping. With the camera the license plate of the vehicle passing the bus is video taped. He explained that after a ticket is issued, police officers must witness the person passing the school bus, and the camera has the license plate of the vehicle. He will follow up on getting stickers for all buses.

The Town did not know it had a problem until this company showed up, and Mr. Schrumm said there is a process in place for the bus driver to report a car passing the bus. They get a warning, not a ticket. With the proposed process in place and a \$450 ticket, Student Guardian gets \$260, and the Town gets the rest. Regarding the contract, he said this is one sided; the company can pull out in 12 months; the Town must stay with the contract for 3 years. Mr. Schrumm said that word would get around if the police watched the areas where violations are taking place, i.e. along Route 10. There are administrative costs with the Police Department. He called other towns and reported that Simsbury does not have the program; a town to the south has it on hold, and a town to the north has the program with some problems. Mr. Schrumm commented on the program being a deterrent, but it is not free with a 3 year commitment from the Town.

Mr. Masciana stated that Student Guardian would pull the camera equipment at their expense as they belong to the company not the Town of Cheshire. The cameras would be off the buses because the deterrent worked with no tickets being issued. Regarding the number of buses, there would be six buses with cameras. With the assumption of .75 passes per bus per day x 180 school days it generates \$126,000 ticket revenue. About \$50,000 estimated for administrative expenses, and the Town is still taking the step of safety for students. Mr. Masciana commented on the fact that the Police Department cannot be behind every school bus each day, and they do issue tickets periodically when drivers report passes while still watching the children on the bus.

Since the last time this program was approached with the Council, the State of Connecticut has given approval to Student Guardian to issue tickets directly to the motorist after the police officials review the evidence file, say yes, and the ticket is issued by Student Guardian. Police officers will not have administrative tasks to write tickets; they just review the evidence file and electronically notify Student Guardian

whether or not to issue the ticket. The Council was told by Mr. Masciana that Police Chief Dryfe has reviewed the program, met with Student Guardian, and endorses the program, as does the Town Manager. He said the program will improve safety without cost to the Town, and any revenue generated is gravy.

In the contract terms, Ms. Nichols noted there is a 90 day trial period, at which time the Town can discontinue the service.

Stating that is correct, Mr. Masciana said this has been standard in the contract since discussions began. With approval of the contract the equipment is installed and this starts phase #1, the 90 day trial period, with 3 buses having cameras.

If there are complaints about the tickets, Ms. Nichols asked to whom the complaints are directed.

Mr. Masciana said complaints go to the Police Department.

Ms. Linehan stated that the information shows that, nationwide, only 1% of the citations are challenged, so this would reduce administrative problems.

Gerry Brittingham, BOE Chairman, 164 North Brooksvale Road, reported that if Student Guardian backs out, the BOE cannot enter into a contract because it involves the police department. This is why Town Council approval is required. The BOE cannot issue tickets as this is the Town's authority.

VOTE The motion passed 5-4; In favor 5 – Flynn-Harris, Linehan, Nichols, Oris, Talbot; Opposed -4; Slocum, Schrumm, Ruocco, Sima.

The Council recessed at 10:00 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 10:07 P.M.

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

### **A. Monthly Status Report.**

### **B. Department Status Reports.**

### **C. Other**

Monthly Financial Report – the operating budget is a little tight, being watched carefully to get the surplus up a little higher.

Credit Rating Report – there is a bond refunding of \$9.015 million in bonds on 4/9/14; these are 2004 bonds; credit rating from Fitch is still AAA, and Moody's Aa1. It is predicted that the refunding will generate savings of about \$750,000.

Bulky Waste – the collection starts next week 4/14 to 4/19, and continues for 5 weeks, ending the week of 5/12 – 5/17. Mr. Milone stated the importance of putting out the materials on a Sunday night; trucks have GPS systems with recording of routes and other data. A.J. Waste will have an extra truck out on 5/19. Information is on the web site for the schedule of pickup, materials accepted and not accepted, map of the routes, and A.J. will have stickers for material that cannot be collected. Town staff will meet with A.J. Waste to confirm everything for the collection program.

CL&P Tree Trimming – a meeting was held between CL&P and The Beautification Committee to address concerns about the program. There are two more weeks of enhanced tree trimming; PURA halted the enhanced trimming once the companies finished the current phase; if there was approved PURA trimming it will be completed; there will be a re-evaluation of that part of the program and how to proceed with aggressive trimming. There is standard maintenance trimming which will go on, and about half the town is done. Things are being monitored, are under better control, and officials will be riding with the companies this Friday in Cheshire.

Mr. Sima commented on people upset about losing trees. During the Storm Sandy he spoke with crews from the State of Washington who told him Connecticut has trees growing on all the wires and they never saw so many trees so close to wires. Loss of power due to the trees on wires is a concern and a health risk to people.

According to Mr. Milone there have been some issues with crews being over-zealous.

5. Legislative update – no report.

6. Boards/Commissions/Committees – video broadcasts – The listing of times for broadcast of meetings was in the packets.

7. Spring Eco Events 2014 – there are events planned by the Cheshire Library, Environment Commission, and Planning Department, and a copy of the program information was in the packets.

8. Town Hall closed on April 18, 2014, Good Friday.,

**9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
**No report.**

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

**A. Chairman's Report.**

Chairman Slocum referred the Street Excavation Permit fee issue to the Ordinance Review Committee.

Planning Committee –Mr. Sima will hold a meeting the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Miscellaneous**

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

MOVED that the Town Council approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014; Special Meetings of March 13, 18, 20, 24,25, and 31; and April 2 and 3, 2014; Public Hearings of March 20, April 1 and April 3, 2014 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Liaison Reports**

Human Services – Ms. Nichols reported that the Community Action Plan meetings were very interesting.

WPCA – Mr. Schrumm reported that the project continues on pace; WPCA is awaiting costs for the environmental issues.

IWW – Ms. Linehan reported there is a public hearing on 4/15/14.

**B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

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

MOVED that the following appointments and reappointments be approved by the Town Council:

Daniel O'Connell (R) to the Economic Development Commission, to fill the vacancy of David Orsini, term of office 4/8/14 to 1/31/18.

James J. Vibert Sr. (R) to the Historic District Commission (Alternate), to fill the vacancy of Joseph Dattilo (D), term of office 4/8/14 to 1/31/16.

Elizabeth Ryducha (R) to the Historic District Commission (Alternate) to fill the vacancy of John Torello (U), term of office 4/8/14 to 1/31/15.

Josh Holstein (R) to the Prison Advisory Committee, to fill the vacancy of William Hellyar, term of office 4/8/14 to 1/31/15.

Christopher Daddi (R) to the Building Code Board of Appeals, to fill the vacancy of Thomas Pinkham, term of office 4/8/14 to 1/31/15.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Letters to Council.**

Chairman Slocum commented on the many e-mails received regarding the budget.

**B. Miscellaneous**

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOVED to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 10:35 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk