

**CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL ROOM 115 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Dave Mercugliano, Carrie Collins-White, Bob DeVlyder and Jodee Heritage.

Members not present: Bill Sherman, Matt Abdifar and Daniel Grasso.

Staff: Suzanne Simone.

Bob DeVlyder served as chairman pro-tem.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Heritage called the roll.

Members present were Dave Mercugliano, Carrie Collins-White, Bob DeVlyder and Jodee Heritage.

III. Determination of Quorum

Enough members were present for a quorum.

Commissioner Attendance Summary:

Bill Sherman, Matt Abdifar and Daniel Grasso were not present.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

V. Acceptance of Minutes Regular Meeting December 10, 2014

The approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

VI. Election of Officers

Commission members present agreed to defer the election of officers to the next meeting.

VII. Communications

1. Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Commission members received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for their review.

Ms. Simone informed Commission members that the ordinance was sent out as part of the annual notification.

VIII. Calendar – Events

1. Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2015

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Earth Day 2015: Events

Ms. Simone explained to the Commission that they can do an Earth Day event but that there are no dates available at the library.

Ms. Simone noted Earth Day is April 22, 2015.

Ms. Simone explained there are six to seven programs currently scheduled including a gardening program, a hike and a RWA presentation and someone will speak about the CT Wildlife Action Plan.

Mr. Mercugliano asked what other Earth Day events the Commission held in the past.

Ms. Simone said they held hikes which they can do again. The hikes can be scheduled closer to the time of Earth Day.

The Commission talked about the Ten Mile Lowlands Hike held in November 2014.

Ms. Collins-White said at that hike attendees seemed interest in future hikes – maybe a spring time hike; she said a few who attended the hike said they'd like to return in the spring to view the vernal pool.

2. Town Naming Policy

Mr. DeVylder asked what had been done about the naming policy.

Ms. Simone reported that Chairman Sherman and Mr. DeVylder were supposed to draft a letter to the town manager and town council regarding the naming policy (for the Dime Savings property to be renamed to the Yankee Expressway Highlands).

Ms. Simone said that letter still needs to be drafted before next steps can be taken.

3. Rotary Club Presentation

Ms. Simone reported that Chairman Sherman attended the January 2015 Cheshire Rotary Club meeting.

Ms. Simone stated Chairman Sherman could provide his report at the meeting.

4. Property Updates

Ms. Simone provided a brief update about the kiosk on the Piechowski property.

X. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Heritage. Seconded by Mr. Mercugliano. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Carla Mills
Recording Secretary**