

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016, AT 6:45 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84
SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Paul Bowman, Chairman; Patti Flynn-Harris, Timothy Slocum.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager

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. Transfer of traffic easement property to Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Mr. Milone explained that the DOT needs to acquire a sliver of land from the Town as an integral part of the project to expand the Maple Avenue and West Main Street intersection and correct a curve. He was informed by Mr. Notle from PW Department that the State will undertake this project in Spring 2017. The Council must hold a public hearing because this is a property acquisition.

On the map, Mr. Slocum reviewed the parcel and said the curb width is about 5 to 6 feet.

Mr. Bowman commented on the project to improve the radius of the road, and the easement is about 908 sq.ft.

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

MOVED to forward the traffic easement for the DOT to the full Town Council for call of a public hearing on the matter.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. Friends of Boulder Knoll (FOBK) request for water lines.

Mr. Bowman was approached by Dr. Giddings (FOBK) about the group's plans to add a shed/hoop house and in-ground irrigation system to the farm, and the shed also being used for educational purposes.

It was stated by Mr. Slocum that this is a very simple request and process.

With regard to the lease for FOBK, Town Manager Milone explained that it goes back to the expired lease in 2014. It is a 5 year lease starting in 2014 and goes to 2019.

Technically, the lease lapsed, and the group did not come back in 2014 for renewal.

Therefore, the lease will already have 2 years on it when approved...and it is a 5 year lease.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk