

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84
SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Council Chairman Robert J. Oris; Vice Chairman Paul A. Bowman; Councilors Michael Ecke, Patti Flynn-Harris, Liz Linehan, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco, Timothy Slocum and Peter Talbot.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; Economic Development Coordinator Jerry Sitko.
Dept. of Education - Supt. Scott Detrick; Chief Operating Officer Vincent Masciana

PUBLIC HEARING SUBJECT MATTER

CONSIDERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF TOWN
PROPERTY CONSISTING OF TWO SMALL SLIVER
TRAFFIC EASEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF MAIN
AND WEST MAINS TREET TO THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTION
FOR A STATE CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Mr. Milone advised this matter was discussed, and a question was raised on whether there would be a payment to the State of Connecticut for the sliver parcel of land. He informed the Council and the public that there are few situations such as this one. Cheshire has been the beneficiary of State land, with many parcels given to the Town over the years, such as the Trail expansion to the parking lot. This is why the Town did not request any remuneration.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

Cindy Kleist, 251 Lancaster Way, asked if the State is putting in the crosswalk and entire project and the Town does nothing.

This is with Maple Avenue and West Main Street, and Mr. Milone explained the State is widening the turning radius and is paying in full for this project. The widening is being done because the turn is sharp and dangerous and it will be safer, especially for trucks making the turn.

Ms. Kleist said this is a good idea, and the State owes the Town more than what it gives to the Town.

Dorf Kleist, 251 Lancaster Way, commented on the post office parking lot on Maple Avenue, the right hand side corner near the sidewalk, the curb piping with water spilling over and ice formations, and the need to drain the pipe under the sidewalk.

This is a State project but Mr. Milone will turn the ideas presented over to the State.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.
7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.
8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk