

TOWN OF CHESHIRE

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(NOTE: THESE MINUTES, AS ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, REPLACE IN THEIR ENTIRETY, THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 10, 2016 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AS FILED ON MAY 17, 2016)

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST., CHESHIRE, CT

Present

Robert J. Oris, Chairman; Paul Bowman, Vice-Chairman; Councilors Michael Ecke, Patti Flynn-Harris, Liz Linehan, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco, Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot. Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; James Jaskot, Finance Director; George Noewatne PW Director; Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer; Donald Youngquist, Deputy Fire Chief; John Andrews, Fire Marshal. Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer, Dept. of Education.

Guests: Fire Poster Winners: Madeline Rose Sheehan and Nina Kulkarni.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Claims and litigation.
- B. Land acquisition.
- C. Personnel.

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

MOVED that the Town Council enter Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to include Town Manager Milone and Town Attorney Smith to discuss Land Acquisition.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED that the Town Council exit Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

Fire Marshal Andrews and Deputy Fire Chief Youngquist introduced the winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest to the Council - Madeline Rose Sheehan, 4th Grade, Highland School, and Nina Kulkarni, 5th Grade, Norton School. Chairman Oris congratulated the winners for their outstanding posters. Mr. Milone reported

that all posters submitted for the contest will be on display in Town Hall in a few weeks.

B. Proclamation for Older Americans Month. Chairman Oris read the proclamation for the month of May as Older Americans Month in Cheshire.

C. Public Comments

Mark Nash, 357 South Main Street, thanked the Council for the appropriation of funds for the Veterans Memorial Plaza renovation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016; Public Hearing of April 12, 2016; Special Meeting of April 10, 11 and 28, 2016; clarification of amendment to November 10, 2015 minutes.

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

MOVED that the Town Council accept and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016; Public Hearing of April 12, 2016; Special Meetings of April 10, 11 and 28, 2016; clarification of amendment to November 10, 2015 minutes subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

Discussion

Mr. Talbot cited the following corrections:

April 10, 2016 no meeting (it is a Sunday); remove this date.

April 11, 2015 - clarification on the November 10, 2015 minutes Consent Calendar Item G...Cheshire Public Library account should read "Human Services Account".

April 12, 2016, page #1, Resolution #041216-3, A-should read \$30,351,975; page 4 - revenues and expenditures should be added, and decrease/increase removed; page 8 - South Central RWA number should be (\$9,353).

Mr. Ruocco asked that the minutes of April 28, 2016 be tabled pending further review.

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

MOVED to table approval of all minutes to the next Council meeting.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-1

RESOLUTION #051016-1 CONSENT CALENDAR FOR MAY 10, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for May 10, 2016, as follows:

A. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$25 donation to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.

- B. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Turkey Hill School Sunshine Fund in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Sara Linsley, Riggs, Curtis and Page Brackett in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Thomas Prezioso and Jane Quinn in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from the Ladley Family in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- F. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$36 donation from Central Scrap Metal Co., Inc. in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Gary and Gloria Gombar in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- H. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Patricia Cummings in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- I. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$60 donation from Rosanna Solomon in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- J. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10 donation from Judith Burns in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- K. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Friends at Waterbury Screw Machine in memory of Adoria Corcoran to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- L. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$102 donation from the lobby donation box to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- M. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Hari Balimidi to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of the children's LED light table.
- N. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10 donation from Pamela Granucci to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of planting bulbs.
- O. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$25 donation from Kathleen Nankin in honor of Lilly Gensberg to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.

- P. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Jonathan and Rebecca Reeve to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- Q. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10 donation from Becky Jansen in honor of Janet Blake to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- R. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Jonathan Blake to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of planting bulbs.
- S. Acceptance and appropriation of \$14,873 from the Connecticut State Library (formerly Connecticutcard reimbursement) for the purchase of library materials, furniture, and computers.
- T. Acceptance and appropriation of \$400.50 from Artsday 2016 proceeds to the CPFA Gift Account for scholarships.
- U. Approval to apply for a \$35,000 State Farm Youth Program Grant for the Cheshire Police Department Explorer Program.
- V. Annual Adoption of Fair Housing Resolution. Annual adoption of Fair Housing Resolution as follows:
WHEREAS, All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and
WHEREAS, State and Federal Fair Housing Laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Cheshire is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cheshire hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of the Town of Cheshire or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to an assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Cheshire.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- 7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
- 9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Set public hearing for the transfer and long term lease of 866 Boulder Road to the Cheshire Housing Authority.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-2.

RESOLUTION #051016-2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider the transfer and long term lease of 866 Boulder Road to the Cheshire Housing Authority.

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 8-1; Mr. Ecke opposed.

B. Set public hearing for 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program applications.

MOTION by Mr. Ecke; seconded by Mr. Ruocco.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-3.

RESOLUTION #051016-3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider submissions to the 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program applications.

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.

C. Authorization to apply for, acceptance and appropriation of, and designation of Building Committee for the Doolittle Elementary School Underground Storage Replacement Grant.

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-4

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cheshire authorizes the Cheshire Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Doolittle Elementary School Underground Storage Replacement Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council designates the Cheshire Public Schools as the School Building Committee for the Doolittle Elementary School Underground Storage Replacement project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Cheshire hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Doolittle Elementary School Underground Storage Replacement project.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

D. Approval of Cheshire Historical Society's successor lease agreement.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-5

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the successor lease of the Phillips Hitchcock House at 43 Church Street to the Cheshire Historical Society upon the attached terms and conditions, and authorizes Town Manager Michael A. Milone to execute said agreement.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

E. Bid award for the Norton Elementary School Bathroom Renovation Project.

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-6

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the award of the bid for the Lavatory Improvements at Norton Elementary School to John L. Simpson Co. of Bridgeport CT in the amount of \$195,148 pursuant to the recommendation of the Public Building Commission and authorizes the Public Building Commission to hire John L. Simpson Co., Inc. for said project.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

F. Appropriation of \$270,000 from the Capital Non Recurring account for the East Johnson Bridge project.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-7

RESOLUTION #051016-7
RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$270,000 FOR EAST
JOHNSON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE QUINNIPIAC RIVER

BE IT RESOLVED:

The sum of \$270,000 is allocated for East Johnson Avenue Bridge Over the Quinnipiac River from funds previously appropriated to the Town's Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures, said allocation to be in addition to prior allocations and appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$3,575,000 approved by the Town Council and/or electors on various dates, thereby making the total project cost equal to \$3,845,000. The Town Council may determine the scope and particulars of the project.

VOTE The motion passed 8-1; Mr. Ecke opposed.

G. Energy Commission request for appropriation of \$13,500 for energy equipment for the Concession Stand project.

MOTION by Mr. Talbot; seconded by Ms. Linehan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-8

RESOLUTION #051016-8

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council appropriates \$13,500 from the Renewable Energy Track of the Clean Energy Communities Program Grant funds for energy efficiency/sustainability measures at the new concession stand per the request of the Energy Commission, and pursuant to the Cheshire High School Concession Stand Study Group identification of said expenditures.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

H. Appointment of a representative to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-9

RESOLUTION #051016-9

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appoints David J. Borowy as Cheshire's representative to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

I. Approval of tax assessment agreement with Quaker Sales & Distribution.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-10

RESOLUTION #051016-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the execution of a Tax Assessment Agreement by and between the Town of Cheshire and Quaker Sales & Distribution Inc. acting on behalf of Tropicana, all of Cheshire, Connecticut, and

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

Discussion

Mr. Slocum noted that the Council was briefed on this matter during executive session on April 28th. The request is for more space by Quaker Sales & Distribution Inc. acting on behalf of Tropicana. He supports this request.

Mr. Milone stated that once this project is completed he will provide the Council with the final amount of this tax incentive agreement.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

J. Approval of tax assessment agreement with Nosal Builders.

MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051016-11

RESOLUTION #051016-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the execution of a Tax Assessment Agreement by and between the Town of Cheshire and Nosal Builders, and

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

Discussion

Nosal Builders is currently located in Durham CT and Mr. Slocum explained the company plans to construct a 25,000 sq.ft. office/warehouse off Fieldstone Court, moving its operations to Cheshire. Nosal Builders will occupy 10,000 sq.ft. space, and Shred-It will occupy 15,000 sq.ft. space.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monthly Status Report.
- B. Department Status Reports: Police, Fire, Fire Marshal.
- C. Other Reports.

Legislative Update - Mr. Milone explained that the previously proposed budget cut to Cheshire of \$1 Million is now thought to be \$479,000.

Public Work Projects - The Linear Trail is almost ready for opening; the lighting will be delivered and installed; a formal grand opening/ribbon cutting will be scheduled. Repaving and milling of streets is scheduled for early June.

Streetlight Acquisition/Installation Project - 40% of the LED street light conversion is completed, providing improved illumination.

Eversource Transmission Work - Eversource is restoring 11 wood structures.

Cheshire/Wallingford Police Departments/Collaborations - The two police departments are collaborating to save money by attending SRT training as a group. Officers are required to attend training six (6) times a year. The Town of Wallingford is awaiting approval of the collaboration, and it will be several months before final information is available.

Safest Cities Recognition - The Town of Cheshire has been recognized as the 7th safest City in Connecticut.

Upcoming Meetings - Budget Committee, May 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.;
Ordinance Review Committee, May 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m.;
Special Town Council Meeting, May 24, 2016, 7:00 p.m. to include presentation of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and presentation on the Creative Insurance Stop/Loss Program.

Cell Tower - Mr. Ruocco asked about the cell tower. Mr. Milone will get information on the time line. No construction will begin until January 2017.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

A. Chairman's Report.

- i. Referral of special veterans tax exemption ordinance, consideration of a noise ordinance, and request for Building Permit Fees waiver to the Ordinance Review Committee.
- ii. Referral of State DOT acquisition of traffic easement at 518, 525 and 559 South Main Street to the Planning Committee.
- iii. Referral of salary for Registrars of Voters to the Personnel Committee.
- iv. Referral of Stop Loss Captive Insurance proposal to the Budget Committee.

B. Miscellaneous.

12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Liaison Reports - No reports.

Ms. Flynn-Harris expressed appreciation to Arts Place for bringing towns together in recognition of the 200th birthday of John Frederick Kensett, Cheshire's most famous artist. The event was great exposure for the Town of Cheshire.

B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

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

MOVED to correct the appointment/term of office for Marcel Gauthier (R) to the Cheshire Housing Authority from May 31, 2016 to 1/31/21.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

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

MOVED that the Town Council approve the following:

Historic District Commission - reappointment of John Torello (R) as Alternate Member, term of office 5/10/16 to 1/30/19; and appointment of James Vibert (R), term of office 5/10/16 to 1/30/19.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

The Council was informed that there is no conflict with Marion Nero (R) serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and her term of office expires on May 31, 2019.

13. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
No report.

14. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

A. Letters to Council.

B. Miscellaneous.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk
(transcribed from video and notes)