

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207, TOWN  
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Timothy Slocum, Chairman and Sylvia Nichols; Absent: Michael Ecke  
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; Finance Director  
James Jaskot; Gerald Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator; Town Engineer  
Walter Gancarz.

Guest: Jeffrey Guimond, Ball & Socket Art Center Committee.

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. Approval of mitigation State financial/municipal aid reductions.  
Discussion postponed.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,500 donation from the Lions Club to the  
Parks Gift Account for a memorial bench.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 anonymous donation to the Human  
Services Gift Account for general purposes.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$110 donation from the Town Employees  
Dress Down Fund to the Human Services Gift Account for residents in need.

7. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$96 donation from West Woods PTA  
To the Parks Gift Account for improvements to the Lock 12 museum.

8. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,250.58 donation from the 2016 Annual  
Rotary Drive to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.

9. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from Calcagni Real Estate  
To the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.

10. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,650 donation for a memorial bench  
In honor of Seth Krohn.

11. Acceptance and appropriation of \$130 proceeds from the Rock Horror Picture  
Show to the CPFA Gift Account for scholarships.

12. Acceptance and appropriation of \$193.50 in donations from the Library Lobby  
Box to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of library materials,

furniture and computers.

13. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$3,865.50 to the Human Services Gift Account for Cheshire Senior Center Membership Association senior programs.
14. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$3,086.35 to the Human Services Gift Account for Senior Center Programs.
15. Authorization to apply for State of Connecticut reimbursement grant for Police body-worn cameras.
16. Authorization to apply for the annual Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Local Prevention Council Grant for \$5,342 for youth substance abuse prevention programs.
17. Acceptance and appropriation of \$5,000 Clean Energy grant for energy improvements to the Concession Stand Construction Project.
18. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$3,000 donation from the ION Bank Half Marathon to the Fire Department Gift Account for general purposes.

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

MOVED to approve and accept agenda items #4 through #18 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

#### Discussion

Agenda item #15 was discussed by the committee members and Mr. Milone.

Mr. Milone explained there is \$104,000 in year #2 of the capital budget as a place marker for CPD body cameras. He said Chief Dryfe is reluctant to go forward next year, and is looking into the body camera vendor being the same vendor used for cruiser car cameras. There is a need for complimentary equipment because these cameras work off each other. The State grant for body cameras imposes restrictions on municipalities, taking away municipal control. There has been abatement of some of these restrictions and many police chiefs and OPM are now more comfortable with the restrictions and requirements. Mr. Milone said there is still a State Statute which must be complied with, but there is not as much imposition on municipalities as before. Chief Dryfe wants to pursue the grant now, and if completed by July 1, 2017 there is a \$100,000 reimbursement. After July 1, 2017 the reimbursement is \$50,000.

Committee Chairman Slocum will pull item #15 from the Consent Calendar and the Council will review and discuss it as a separate agenda item.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

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19.    Acceptance, appropriation and authorization to execute grant and Memorandum of Understanding documents for the \$750,000 Department Of Economic and Community Development financial assistance for remediation and abatement of the former Ball & Socket property.

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

MOVED to approve and accept agenda item #19 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

#### Discussion

This is the second grant for the Ball & Socket project. Mr. Milone stated the first grant of \$400,000 was for the analysis of the remediation to be done.

Mr. Sitko said the Town received the \$400,000 remediation grant a few years ago, in a pass through nature. The subject grant is through the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) procedures. It comes directly to the Town; the Town manages the grant, writes checks, pays vendors; Mr. Gancarz will manage the remediation project, and Mr. Sitko will manage the grant funds. The proposal outlines the responsibilities of the Town to the State, and the MOU ties the Ball & Socket group to the Town with provision to provide the required financial information to the Town that the group has the wherewithal to do this project. The financial information would include loans, money in the bank from fundraising, leasing activity, and until demonstrated the grant money will not be realized.

The committee was informed by Mr. Sitko that a successful "arts type" and high end business, Brian Guitars, is moving from Hamden to West Main Street. The owner likes what is being done with the arts in Cheshire and the Ball & Socket project.

Mr. Guimond explained that if the Ball & Socket organization fails to complete this project, the grant of \$750,000 will have remediated hazardous materials from the building, which will be an asset to the Town.

According to Attorney Smith the worst that can happen is the town is \$750,000 closer to a clean site.

Mr. Gancarz displayed a plan of West Main Street and Willow Street, location of the Ball & Socket building. Two buildings on Willow Street will have the work done (removal of pcbs, asbestos, etc.) The buildings (green colored) are the first phase of the project, have no environmental issues, and the yellow colored buildings will have abatement work, making the building(s) safer to work in. Phase #1 work applies to the barn, small red building for offices, gallery, study, art work area, landscaping and parking on West

Main Street. Some exterior work is included in this phase of the project on the smaller green building.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

20. Authorization to use \$5,000 of the balance in the Senior Center Lower Level Renovation capital project to connect the basement HVAC system to the new Building management system.

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

MOVED to approve and accept agenda item #20 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion

This work is not part of the original project, and Mr. Milone noted that it requires Council authorization to use the funds.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**21. ADJOURMENT**

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk