

# **TOWN OF CHESHIRE**

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## **MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 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 Jeff Falk, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco, Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot, and David Veleber.

Staff: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer; Jack Casner, Fire Chief; Assistant Town Manager Arnett Talbot

Absent: Councilor Patti Flynn-Harris.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

### **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOVED TO THE END OF THE MEETING.**

### **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - none.**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

MOVED that the Town Council accept and approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019; Public Hearings of March 12 and 19, 2019; Special Meetings of March 14, 19, 20, 25, 26, April 2 and 8, 2019.

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 #040919-1

### **RESOLUTION #040919-1** **CONSENT CALENDAR FOR APRIL 9, 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for April 9, 2019, as follows:

- A. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$268.50 donation from the lobby donation container to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.

- B. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Martin Cobern to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Jennifer Nelson in memory of Sybil Alexander to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Steven and Martha Erickson in memory of Janice Miner to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$150 donation from Cynthia Voigt to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
- F. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100 donation from Francis Rossi Jr. to the Library Gift Account to be used for general purposes.
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50 donation from Lee and Ann Karayusuf and Family in memory of Helen Knonke to the Library Gift Account to be used for the purchase of books.
- H. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$20 donation from Operation Fuel to the Cheshire Fuel Bank Account.
- I. Acceptance and appropriation of a combined donation of \$9.70 from CAF (Charities Aid Foundation of America) to the Parks and Recreation Gift Account to be used for the Dog Park.
- J. Acceptance and appropriation of \$6,458.20 donation from Collette Travel to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for the Senior Center.
- K. Acceptance and appropriation of \$575 donation from the Cheshire Rotary Club to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of children's books.
- L. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$30 donation from Severino and Nicoletta Fasulo to the Jitney Bus Fund.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- 7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR - none.
- 8. OLD BUSINESS - none.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Bowman recused himself from this discussion and this matter, due to his minority interest in one of the affected properties. Discussion was held re: partnering with Regional Water Authority for design and construction documents for possible North End water main extension. Town Engineer Walter Gancarz reviewed the history of this issue, explaining that it was intended to support economic development in the North End. Mr. Gancarz presented three proposals for this design work that had been solicited by the RWA, including additional charges which the Town would cover for design services for sewer, since piggybacking sewer on this project would save money. He requested guidance from the Council as to how they wish the Town to respond to the RWA's current offer of a 50%-50% split with the Town for said design work. Mr. Slocum felt that the Town should reach out to the Town of Southington for possible connections to their water system. Mr. Oris stated that he felt the RWA should bear the costs for the project. Several Council members asked questions regarding the scope, cost, purpose, and process for this project; Mr. Gancarz provided responses amid further discussion. The Council agreed that the best action at this time would be to contact the RWA to pursue the RWA shouldering the full cost of this design work since they

benefit from it, and to also begin conversations with Southington regarding a possible Intermunicipal Agreement for water.

**B. Discussion re: partnering with Regional Water Authority for design and construction documents for possible North End water main extension;**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #040919-2

**RESOLUTION #040919-2**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Council approves the execution of the five year extension option for the lease of property located at 900 Highland Avenue and Sandbank Road from the State of Connecticut for the school bus depot under the terms and conditions as presented and attached, and authorizes Town Manager Sean M. Kimball to execute the necessary documents for said lease extension.

Mr. Slocum explained that the Town has been leasing this property from the State for the bus depot for many years. Mr. Oris asked about the Town's capital investment in this property; Mr. Kimball explained that it is limited, DATTCO has covered most of the costs, and that the trailer and shed would remain the Town's possessions. Mr. Bowman suggested asking the State to donate the property to the Town, or to consider a long-term lease. Mr. Kimball has reached out to the Schools regarding traffic issues caused by buses entering and exited the depot that Mr. Oris mentioned.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**C. Approval of lease of Lock 12 residence.**

MOTION by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Talbot.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #040919-3

**RESOLUTION #040919-3**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to lease Town-owned residences to public safety employees for purposes of security and care of the properties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Lease Agreement for the Lock 12 residential property to a Cheshire public safety employee, pursuant to the terms and conditions as attached, and authorizes the Town Manager to execute said Lease document.

Mr. Slocum explained that the leasing of Town property to a public safety employee is a longstanding practice that provides security.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**D. Discussion re: FY 19-20 operating budget.**

No discussion necessary at this time. The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for April 11, 2019, immediately after the budget Public Information Session.

**10. TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Monthly Status Report: Mr. Kimball reviewed his status report, which is attached.
- B. Department Status Reports: Police, Fire, Fire Marshal; provided in packets.

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL - none.**

**12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Liaison Reports - No reports.
- B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

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

MOVED that the Town Council approve the appointment of Daniel Knudsen (D) (new) to the Energy Commission for the term April 9, 2019 to January 31, 2020

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**13. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS - none.**

**14. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Letters to Council: Mr. Oris read into the record a letter from Rep. Zupkus to the Board of Education regarding her support for parents of the Cheshire Public Schools and for anti-bullying measures. Mr. Slocum noted that he had received an email from resident Thomas Morrissey requesting a resolution from the Council stating opposition to the State tolls proposal; Mr. Oris indicated that it will be added to the April 11, 2019 Special Meeting agenda for consideration.
- B. No Miscellaneous.

MOTION by Mr. Veleber, seconded by Mr. Slocum to enter Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.  
AMENDED MOTION by Mr. Veleber and seconded by Ms. Nichols to include Town Manager Sean M. Kimball, Town Attorney Al Smith, Fire Chief Jack Casner, and Assistant Town Manager.

VOTE The amended motion passed unanimously.

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

MOVED that the Town Council exit Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously.

15.   ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED that the Town Council adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

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Arnett T. Talbot  
Acting Clerk