MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

PUBLIC HEARING SUBJECT MATTER:
CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ALARM FINES ORDINANCE SECTION 10-21(e).

Present
Timothy Slocum, Chairman; David Schrumm, Vice-Chairman; Justin Adinolfi, Michael Ecke, Andrew Falvey, Anne Giddings, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Timothy White.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Town Attorney Dwight Johnson; James Jaskot, Deputy Finance Director

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

2. Explanation of Hearing Procedure and Agenda.
Chairman Slocum explained the procedures for a public hearing of the Cheshire Town Council.

3. Reading of the Legal Notice.
The Clerk of the Council read the legal notice.

4. Presentation on hearing subject.
Councilor Giddings explained that the Ordinance Review Committee met in January and considered the possible revision to the alarm fines ordinance. For a false alarm there is fee procedure for payment for the emergency responders. There is no method included to collect these fees, leaving the Police Department in a situation with some people making payment and others not making payment. The procedure proposed is the same used for parking violations.

Ms. Giddings explained that the Town Hearing Officer works three (3) hours a month to hear appeals of the parking violations. This Hearing Officer can also hear the appeals of the alarm fines. This would not involve additional cost to the Town, but provide a fair method to insure everyone who has a fine makes payment.

5. Questions at the discretion of the chair.

6. Proponents and Opponents statements alternately expressed.

7. Rebuttal at the discretion of the chair.
8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slocum closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk