Present
David Schrumm, Chairman and Thomas Ruocco. Absent: Michael Ecke
Councilor James Sima.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Robert Ceccolini, Parks and Rec
Director; Ramona Harten, Library Director

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. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous $20 donation to the
Cheshire Fuel Bank.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of a $507 donation from Artsday
donations to the Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Gift Account
for scholarships.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a $100 donation to the from the First
Congregational Church to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of $371 in admission donations from the
2010 Cheshire Alcohol Awareness Week Movie Premier to the
Cheshire Fuel Bank.

7. Acceptance and appropriation of $140 from Operation Fuel Inc. to the
Cheshire Fuel Bank.

8. Acceptance and authorization of a $100 donation in memory of Mrs.
Lucille B. Bozzuto from Robert and Mary Ann Fusco to the Library Gift
Account.

9. Authorization to apply for a $1,300 sponsorship grant from the
Connecticut Community Foundation for a musical event at the
Cheshire Public Library.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that agenda items #3 through #9 be forwarded to the full Town Council
for approval.
VOTE  The motion passed unanimously by those present.

10. Authorization to apply for up to $100,000 from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association for a “Smart Investing @ Your Library” grant for Financial and investment programs at the Cheshire Public Library.

Ms. Harten informed the committee that the Cheshire Library was invited to apply for this grant. Last year 19 grants were awarded totaling $1.2 million. It is expected the Cheshire Library, through the Friends of the Library, will apply for less than $100,000 because of the size and type of materials to be chosen. The grant money would be used to hold classes, seminars, and programs on investing and finances, and they would be geared towards people of all ages. Some of the funds would be used to increase materials and the collections, integrate the investment/financial ideas into the summer reading program, and purchase some furniture for the library. The programs would be sold through a “Think Global, Invest Locally” concept.

FINRA is a private foundation and Ms. Harten said the library will know about the awarding of the grant funds in January 2011. She will be required to go to the National Library Association conference to speak about Cheshire’s grant request.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that agenda item #10 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE  The motion passed unanimously by those present.

11. Acceptance and appropriation of $26,052 from the Connecticut State Library for the 2010 Connecticard Reimbursement, for the purchase of Library materials, services and equipment.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that agenda item #11 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Ms. Harten explained the details regarding this reimbursement and said that it has increased since 2005 when it was $7300. The circulation at the library has increased by 200,000 items a year, and the State Library has doubled its budget for reimbursement. The library incurs a cost for books and materials taken out by an out of town resident. Connecticut Car picks up these books and materials and delivers them to their home library. From the 932 libraries in the State there are over 5 million items loaned out through the Connecticard program. About $1 million is divided for libraries which participate in the program. Because of the
popularity of Cheshire’s library the reimbursement on the State level has increased to $26,000. The money is used to supplement purchases needed such as furniture, shelving, employee recognition programs, etc.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. Approval of an appropriation from the Board of Education Capital Non-Recurring Building Maintenance Fund for the Dodd Kitchen Renovation project.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that agenda item #12 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Mr. Milone explained that bids were accepted on a reduced project, and now the Board of Education (BOE) is asking for money from its C.N.R. account to supplement the cost of the project. BOE representatives will be at the Council meeting for further discussion and information on this request.

Mr. Sima read an excerpt from the 10/14/08 resolution and said the only part that would fit in this situation is “emergent facility concerns specific to the safety, health, security and well being of students and staff”. He said this is not an emergency repair; it is not requested through capital projects; and it is not an approved capital plan item. He questioned how this project fits into the criteria for the BOE C.N.R. fund.

According to Mr. Milone an argument could be made regarding #3 since the project is under part of the capital plan. It was requested in the capital plan, was approved, and it went over the appropriation.

Mr. Schrumm commented on this matter being discussed in further detail during the capital budget process.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.


MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that agenda item #13 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Director Ceccolini explained that the old playground equipment at Mixville Park is unsafe, is in a wetland area, and needs to be replaced. The request is for a bid
waiver to use the vendor, Miracle Equipment, because they were the vendor for the current playground equipment. The company is offering the Town a 40% discount for the replacement equipment. The Town used this same company for the Playground in the Park equipment at Bartlem Park. Mr. Ceccolini wants to use one company for all the equipment and installation, and save a lot of money. Mr. Milone stated that when the Bartlem Park equipment was purchased this company was on the State list, but there is no longer a list. The Town cannot go on the federal bid, and a waiver is needed with the recommendation of Miracle Equipment as the vendor.

The committee was told by Mr. Ceccolini that the installation costs are about $13,000, and the remainder of the cost is for the equipment itself. By having the equipment installed by the vendor, the Town has the warranties and guaranties in place.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

14. Call of public hearing on transfer of excess right-of-way property on Oak Avenue, possible executive session.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that agenda item #14 be forwarded to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
This is something that should have been taken care of 12 years ago and Mr. Schrumm noted that the deeds were never recorded.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Ruocco.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk