Present
Chairman Timothy Slocum; Vice Chairman David Schrumm; Councilors Justin Adinolfi, Michael Ecke, Andrew Falvey, Anne Giddings, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Timothy White.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Dwight Johnson, Town Attorney; Fire Chief Casner and Police Chief Cruess.

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. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

A. Proclamation for Boy and Girl Scouts.
Prior to the first public hearing, Chairman Slocum read the proclamation for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, and recognized the Scouts in Cheshire for their contribution to the community.

B. State of Connecticut Dating Violence Awareness Month
Proclamation.
Chairman Slocum acknowledged the proclamation from Gov. Rell for the Dating Violence Awareness Month.

C. Public Comments
Ray Squier, 281 Cook Hill Road, said he would like Cheshire to give all the land north of 691 to the Town of Southington. He is confused about the upcoming pool referendum, how many suggestions there will be about the resolution of the pool problems, and asked if the cost is $4 million or $6 million. Mr. Squier asked about the proposal for the pool to be a summer only facility, using all the money from the slush fund to build a $10 million pool and be done with it, with people swimming forever for free. Mr. Squire cited a newspaper article about Connecticut receiving $40 million from the U.S. Government for an $800 million project, or 5% of a 95% budget, and the State having to come up with the rest. That same thought of getting a little costing a lot transcends to the extension of the Linear Trail or the upgrade to the football field. Regarding the Chief Cruess matter, Mr. Squire asked about the status of this matter which has been handing around since last Fall. He questioned why the Town Council cut the legs from under the Town Manager by agreeing to hear a case brought in front of it. He thinks the Council should have acted as the Supreme Court not wanting to hear
something, sending it back to a lower court. According to Mr. Squier the Council has set a bad precedent, and anytime a union comes to the Town Manager for something to be adjudicated, he will be passed over, and the union will go right to the Council. Mr. Squier asked about the contingency fund at 3% at one time and now it is 8%, and if this is still in the books for the Council to build in an 8% contingency fund. He does not like this, as Councilors reduce the budget yet there is a slush fund of 8%, and the Council should be forthright about this. On June 25th Mr. Squier informed the Council and the public there will be an historical event with the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. He requested that people remember the veterans and those who did not return from the Korean War. On Saturday, May 29th there will be the official Memorial Day laying of the wreath, and in June there is the event to honor those Korean War military members who did not return.

Ed Hines requested an update on the new post office for Cheshire, if it will be built in phases, and the status of the sports complex on Highland Avenue, and the proposed mall in the north end of Town.

In response, Mr. Milone stated that the Postal Service has a moratorium on all new construction, and it is unlikely the new post office will be built in the near future. The sports complex project application has not been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration and approval. The mall project has had no information forthcoming, but the company has not indicated the project will not move forward in the future.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Ruocco.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-1

RESOLUTION 020910-1
CONSENT CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2010

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for February 9, 2010 as follows:

A. Acceptance of an aggregate of $1,024 donations as detailed below, And appropriation of said amount for the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
   i. $119 from Town of Cheshire Employees
   ii. $950 from the United Methodist Church

B. Acceptance and appropriation of the State of Connecticut Department Of Mental Health and Addiction Services Local Prevention Council Grant in the amount of $4,245 for local substance abuse prevention Activities.
C. Acceptance of a $300 donation from William Hammond and appropriation Of said amount to the Police Gift Account.

D. Authorization to apply for a Coca Cola/Keep American Beautiful Bin Grant Program.

VOTE  The motion passed unanimously by those present.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of amendment to elderly tax freeze ordinance

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-2

RESOLUTION #020910-2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves an amendment to the Elderly Tax Freeze ordinance, Section 17-15 as follows:

Sec. 17-15 Elderly Tax Freeze

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 06-176, Section 1 and Section 2, eligible, elderly homeowners may apply and if qualified, pursuant to said public act, receive property tax relief as set forth in said Public Act for taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 2010.

(b) The property tax relief provided by this section shall not continue for real property taxes due on Grand Lists after October 2, 2010, but shall revert to real property taxes as due for such persons provided by other Connecticut State Law and Cheshire Ordinances as may be applicable.

(c) This Section 17-15 shall be in effect until September 30, 2011, at which time it shall be automatically repealed.

Discussion
Ms. Giddings stated that this resolution was amended with two additional paragraphs on the advice of the Town Attorney regarding dates mentioned in the
ordinance that should be included in the resolution. The Ordinance Review Committee unanimously approved this resolution for submission to the Council.

Mr. White said he would support the tax credits relief but not the tax freeze since the credits achieve the same goal with less administrative effort. There are income limits adopted to the freeze, and if a person’s income increases from a prior year (interest payments, IRA funds, etc.) above the limit, the taxes will increase. There is no mechanism for the Town to assist those seniors.

VOTE The motion passed 8-0-1; White opposed.

A. Adoption of amendment to local property tax, elderly tax credits ordinance.

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-3

RESOLUTION #020910-3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves an amendment to the Elderly Tax Credits Ordinance, Section 17-16(a)11 as follows:

Sec. 17-16 (a) Property Tax Relief; owner’s abatement program
For certain elderly and/or disabled homeowners.

(c) This Section 17-16 shall be in effect until FY 2010/2011 at which time it shall be automatically repealed.

Discussion
Mr. Ecke stated that the intention is to revisit the amount of the tax credits periodically, and it has been 4 years since this was done. Given this economic climate, Mr. Ecke said there should be consideration of higher tax credits to better serve the elderly who need them. He asked if the credit amounts were considered for qualified participants when moving this forward to the Council.

In response, Ms. Giddings said this resolution does not address the amount of the tax credits or qualifying income, which will be done as a separate resolution. This is an amendment to the ordinance in order to insure the tax credit program stays. The Ordinance Review Committee will be meeting to consider increasing qualifying income limits to make benefits more available to seniors.

According to Mr. Ecke this should be done soon so it can be part of the operating budget process.
It was clarified by Town Manager Milone that this tax credit program will be revisited by the Council. This is done by resolution and cannot be acted on until the ordinances are revised to give the authority to increase the credit limits. The matter will be added to an upcoming Council meeting.

Mr. Ruocco stated his support for the resolution, noting that a past memo explained the increases in the qualifying income brackets, and the program will be expanded in this way to make more people qualified. He said that Mr. Ecke is alluding to the original passage of the resolution in 2007, with a commitment to renew in 5 years, which would be 2012.

Stating there may have been a 5 year renewal of the levels, Mr. Ecke said this should be addressed this year and not wait for the 5 year time frame. He said it would be worthwhile to do this between now and the time for the budget process.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

C. Approval of Dodd Kitchen Renovation Project final design.

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Slocum.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-4

RESOLUTION #020910-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 2-26 of the Code of Ordinances, approves the final design for the Dodd Kitchen Renovation Project as presented and approved by the Public Building Commission, and authorizes the Public Building Commission to proceed to the contract documents, bidding and construction phase for said project.

Discussion
Mr. Sima commented on the main goal of this project being the storage room, freezer and coolers in the basement and the need for more storage at the middle school. The freezer will be moved to the loading dock area for easier access and more storage space will be added.

The plans were reviewed and Mr. Ecke asked if there is anything of concern about the design which was a difficulty throughout the process.

Project Architect Dennis Rioux informed the Council that this is a straight forward project, with the one hurdle outside the building to insure the Fire and Police Departments and the bus company there was no impeding of traffic in the rear of the school building. With regard to the timing of the work, Mr. Rioux said part of the site work will take place during April and May; the cooler contractors will start demolition work in the summer; and the project should be completed in August.
Regarding energy efficiency, Mr. Rioux stated that everything has been taken into consideration in this regard. Low energy appliances will be used, and the Energy Commission unanimously approved the project.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

D. Acceptance and appropriation of $165,000 donation from Elim Park To the Police Department Gift Account.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-5

RESOLUTION #020910-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts a $165,000 donation from Elim Park to the Cheshire Police Department Gift Account and appropriates said amount as detailed in the attached disbursement summary.

Discussion
Chairman Slocum stated that Elim Park is a non profit organization and makes a substantial donation, in lieu of taxes, to the Police and Fire Departments each year. He thanked Elim Park for their generous donation to the Town of Cheshire.

Mr. Schrumm stated that Elim Park offers an annual donation to be used for a variety of things within the Fire and Police Departments, and these are outlined in a memo to the Council. The Budget Committee approved the detailed memos from Chief Casner and Chief Cruess, and the data will be further reviewed during the budget process. Mr. Schrumm expressed appreciation to Elim Park for its generous donation.

The details in the use of this money was questioned by Mr. Falvey who asked if there is an obligation to use it as allocated or if there is a problem if it is not used as stated in the memo. He asked if there must be another resolution if the money is used other than what is stated.

Mr. Schrumm advised there is no obligation for the departments to use as stated, and the Town Manager reviews the use of the money if there are any changes to the use as detailed. A new resolution would not be required unless the funds were moved to something very different than what is stated in the memo.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

E. Acceptance and appropriation of $165,000 donation from Elim Park To the Fire Department Gift Account.
MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Adinolfi.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-6

**RESOLUTION #020910-6**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts a $165,000 donation from Elim Park to the Cheshire Fire Department Gift Account and appropriates said amount as detailed in the attached disbursement summary.

**Discussion**

Mr. Schrumm stated that this resolution is the same as for the Police Department gift account, allocating funds for the line items as stated in the memo from the Chief. This will be further discussed during the budget process on how it all integrates with the operating budget.

Mr. Ecke thanked Elim Park for its generous donation to the Fire and Police Departments and for their continued support of the gift accounts. These donations have become an integral part of the operation of the departments and they depend on it.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by those present.

F. **Call for public hearing on Parking Fees ordinance amendment**

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-7

**RESOLUTION #020910-7**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Parking Fees Ordinance, Section 15-1 et seq., and

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 postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

**Discussion**

Chairman Slocum advised that the public hearing would be held on April 13th.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by those present.
G. **Call for public hearing on Alarm Fines ordinance amendment**

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-8

**RESOLUTION #020910-8**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Alarm Systems Ordinance Section 10-21, and

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 postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

**Discussion**
Chairman Slocum advised that the public hearing would be held on April 13th.

**VOTE**
The motion passed unanimously by those present.

H. **Call for public hearing on proposed Historic District Fees Ordinance.**

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-9

**RESOLUTION #020910-9**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider a proposed Historic District Fees Ordinance Section 2-83 (h) (new) and

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 postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

**Discussion**
Chairman Slocum advised that the public hearing would be held on April 13th.

**VOTE**
The motion passed unanimously by those present.
I. Authorization to apply for the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management AFIS Live Scan Grant.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Schrumm

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-10

RESOLUTION #020910-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes application for the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Live Scan grant for the purchase of Live Scan equipment for the Police Department.

Discussion
Mr. Ruocco explained that this matter was discussed at the Budget Committee meeting, it is a public safety matter, and he supports applying for the grant.

Chief Cruess explained that this is an automated system which as been in use for about 10 years. There was consideration to go into the system a few years ago but the cost was high. Now, the State wants every department to have this system and funds are being provided to purchase the machine with a one year warranty, maintenance paid for 2 or 3 years, with the department picking up the maintenance in the 4th year at a cost of $3,340. The system should be good for about 10 years, and set up and training are provided with this grant at no charge to the Town. With this system there is a response within 20 minutes from the FBI on the fingerprints of the person.

Regarding the Police Academy, Chief Cruess reported that 12 people have applied and it is hoped there will be a few more.

Mr. White asked about the scope of the data base for the fingerprinting.

Chief Creuss stated that all finger prints will be in this system and it can be determined whether or not a person has a criminal record.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

J. CLERK OF COUNCIL CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Adinolfi.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #020910-11

RESOLUTION #020910-11
BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 3-4 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby retains Marilyn Milton as Clerk of the Council at the rate of $45.00 per hour for attendance at meetings; $50.00 per hour for meeting attendance after 11:00 p.m.; $12.00 per page of minutes typed; and $25.00 per hour for miscellaneous clerical work performed, at the direction of the Town Council, per the recommendation of the Town Council Personnel Committee, effective March 1, 2010 through February 29, 2012.

Discussion
Mr. Ruocco clarified that the resolution was changed to read “at the direction of the Town Council”…because it more fairly describes the activities of the Clerk in her work for the Council. Mr. Ruocco stated that Ms. Milton earned the right to a contract review, and he thanked her for holding her fee structure without any increase for the new contract.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Status Reports – in Council packets

B. Monthly Departmental Reports – in Council packets.

C. Other Reports.
Monthly Financial Report – The big challenge will be on the expenditure side with much change on the revenue side of the budget. There will be containment of discretionary spending. There is a possible surplus of between $200,000 and $500,000. Mr. Milone said there is concern about the community pool operating budget due to the facility being closed during construction work this year, losing 5 or 6 weeks of revenue. This budget will be carefully watched, and it is hoped there will be a significant increase in daily and seasonal passed in the summer.

Road Pavement/Chip Sealing Schedule – This schedule is in the packets; work starts in the spring time and has been broken into two parts; and the Town is working off the road analysis which indicates those roads in the worst condition. Mr. Milone said the Council can review this schedule and it can be discussed further with him.

Public Works Construction Projects Schedule – The schedule outlines the construction projects for the next few months, broken up into type of project, along with a time schedule and identification of the significant items to be addressed for construction phase and completion.

CL&P Aerial Patrols – Mr. Milone explained that CL&P is patrolling the transmission lines by helicopter, and Cheshire is one of the towns identified for patrol on February 9 and 10, or February 15 through 19.
ICMA Police Report – this report is expected to be received by the Town Council early next week.

Upcoming Meetings – Planning Committee, February 11\textsuperscript{th}, 7:30 p.m. and Town Council, February 16\textsuperscript{th}, 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Closings – February 12\textsuperscript{th} Lincoln’s Birthday and February 15\textsuperscript{th}, Presidents’ Day.

\textbf{Discussion on the Town Manager’s Report}

Ms. Giddings expressed her interest in the monthly financial report related to authorization of overtime and money spent. She noted Mr. Milone’s report to the Budget Committee earlier this month. She wants to impress upon everyone the importance of avoiding overtime except for public safety matters. Ms. Giddings questioned the overtime for the Planning and Parks & Recreation Department in November, and she will review the list again. When overtime is approved she stated it is something done with avoidance of double time payment on a holiday. There should be no overtime except for public safety matters. With regard to the pool summary, she noted the revenue is behind and understands most of the revenue is generated during the summer time. Ms. Giddings has concerns about the reduction of $220,992 in revenue at the pool, and remaining to date is $318,880. Ms. Giddings also asked about Public Works and if the sidewalks listed are all new sidewalks.

Mr. Milone stated that Higgins Road is a new sidewalk, and he will verify the status of the other sidewalks via e-mail to the Council.

Ms. Giddings noted that the sanitary sewer expansion (WPCD) and asked if this is related to a referenda item, and if they are being expanded to cover new construction or pre-existing areas having trouble with their personal sewage treatment.

Mr. Milone said it was related to a referenda item, and it has to do with septic issues, which he will verify and report back to the Council.

With regard to overtime, Mr. Milone informed the Council he sent an e-mail to all department heads about the upcoming holidays, and any overtime is double time, making it clear if overtime must be incurred it should not be done on these two days, except for an emergency.

Mr. Milone explained that with the pool revenue, the summer pool revenue bump occurs in May and June, so this is sort of back loaded. The Town could see as much as $100,000 to $125,000 in June, so the percentage to date should not be a false indication of where we are with this facility.
Regarding #3, Mr. White asked about the Public Works construction project schedule, the chart of priorities and time frames, and asked Mr. Milone to get a list of the criteria used in setting these priorities.

These are capital projects approved by the Council and Mr. Milone said the south side of Higgins Road does not connect to the trail, and by connection to the trail there is a significant network of sidewalks for public safety and people using the trail. He will get more information on the other three roads cited, and everything on the list is a result of a capital request. Where they are not capital requests, Mr. Milone will identify and explain the rationale for submission.

Mr. White stated that with sidewalks, curbs, tree trimming, the Council should vote on the criteria and the priorities on an annual basis so it is on the record.

The Council was informed by Mr. Milone that this is in front of them now, and if the Council sees something more important, staff should be advised and the schedule can be changed.

Mr. Sima commented on Peck Lane being in bad condition at the north end of the road, and Public Works did some emergency road work there. Right now there is large machinery at this site. He asked that Mr. Michaelangelo inform the Council when this project work will start.

Chairman Slocum stated that he liked the flow chart produced by the Town Manager to the Council, and it will assist Council in setting some priorities. The chart shows priorities in one place, and Mr. Slocum expressed appreciation to Mr. Milone for the presentation of the information to the Council.

Mr. Milone will pass along the Council’s appreciation to the staff which developed the presentation, and he advised that all this information will be on the Town’s web site.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Johnson reported to the Council on the Connecticut Combustion Litigation, noting that additional details could be discussed in executive session. Two weeks ago, the Superior Court granted a Motion to Strike filed by Cheshire in the proceedings. The Motion to Strike was to have deleted from the complaint, filed by Connecticut Combustion, claims based on Connecticut’s Unfair Trade Practices Act, and also a claim that the Town had acted in violation of its own ordinances. Those two claims have now been stricken by the court and it is unlikely they will be back in. The reason this is significant is because the Unfair Trade Practices claims raised by Connecticut Combustion could, potentially, justify them to recover attorney’s fees if they prevailed in this litigation, and to get 3 times damages. Attorney Johnson does not believe they will prevail in the litigation, but the significant risk of a larger recovery has been greatly reduced as a result of the court’s action. This leaves Connecticut
Combustion with a claim for breach of contract and for failure by the Town to act in good faith. Attorney Johnson stated that the Town’s legal counsel has very strong defenses in both of those areas and, therefore, this is an important and positive step in this litigation.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

A. Chairman’s Report.
   i. Referral of Prison Advisory Committee and Public Safety Commission ordinances to the Ordinance Review Committee.
   ii. Referral of request for cell tower at Waste Water Treatment Plant to the Planning Committee.

B. Committees of the Council

Audit – Mr. Ecke reported that a meeting was held on the contract of the current auditors, McGladrey & Pullen. The current auditors are preparing the annual report and footnotes at no additional cost, and have expressed interest in extending their contract for one more year with the fee staying the same as it is now. The committee decided to send out an RFP to see if the Town could get a better price. The RFP will go out; interviews will be conducted with responders; and by June 30th the Council must decide to stay with the current auditors or go with a new firm. Mr. Ecke noted that the last time the auditors were chosen was 5 years ago; prior to that the Town had the same auditors for 7 years; and the current firm is a national leader in municipal accounting, and the partner working on Cheshire’s engagement is a national expert. Mr. Ecke doubts the Town can find better service, but may find cheaper service.

Budget – Mr. Schrumm reported that the BOE met, passed their budget, and it has been sent to Mr. Milone for inclusion in the Town’s budget. The Council receives the proposed budget for FY 10-11 by March 10th, and budget workshops will be held in March. Mr. Schrumm noted that the operating budget and capital budget are closely related.

Mr. Milone said he would e-mail the BOE budget to the Council members.

Ordinance Review – Ms. Giddings plans a meeting on March 2nd.

Planning – Mr. Sima stated that this committee is busy with PBC subcommittee working on the pool enclosure project. The subcommittee has about 33 questions for each of the vendors; there has been some give and take on the original designs, with coverage of the entire area enclosed by the bubble so there is enough time for events, flow of people, swim meets, etc. Mr. Sima commented on the talents, expertise, and organization of the subcommittee members who are working diligently to come up with answers before the Council
moves this matter to referendum. On January 31st there was a bus trip to visit the Jewish Community Center Pool in West Hartford which was constructed by KBE, a standard style building. There was also a visit to the Milford-Orange YMCA pool, an Open Aire constructed facility. At both places the group met with the management of the facilities, asked many questions, received responses, and the trip was worth while. There will be a meeting of the Planning Committee on February 11th with a busy agenda, including the dog park.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. White.

MOVED That the Town Council approve the minutes of January 12, 2010 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Liaison Reports

Environment Commission – Ms. Giddings reported that the commission met, discussed access parking to the Mixville Hills open space. Parking is now recommended at Darcey School with people crossing the road, going over the guard rail for access. The group is looking at bringing recommendations for the purchase of more property.

Cheshire Housing Authority – Financing for the West Main Street property is taking more time than expected, but construction could start in October.

Public Building Commission – Mr. Sima said PBC is closing out the Norton Boiler and CHS elevator projects; Norton window replacement project will be starting; and the Dodd Middle School kitchen renovation and community pool are two more projects for this busy commission.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Mr. Ruocco reported that there is a group forming to provide input on the pool. It is called the Cheshire Community Pool Action Group, and will be proactive in support of a possible referendum on the pool. The group is described as diverse, consisting of senior citizens, swim team members, and residents who use the pool, with a long term goal to provide input to the Parks and Rec Commission to enhance the use and reduce the cost. Mr. Ruocco said the Council will hear more from this group, and said it is good to see citizen action groups forming and providing input.
WPCA – Mr. Schrumm said the Authority is busy; there is good news about bids for the Mixville Pump Station which came in under the projected price. Comments from the commission and consulting engineer indicate this is the trend being seen because of the lower labor costs, recession, and lower commodity costs.

The facilities plan is moving forward, and Mr. Schrumm advised large binders were given to everyone on the upgrade of the plant, with an estimated cost of $33.5 million. The plans will be reviewed by WPCA, and it is hoped this goes out for design later this summer.

Energy Commission – Mr. White reported that the commission is working on many initiatives. He thanked Mr. Milone for the sit down with the Energy Commission Chairman on an energy conservation plan for 4 to 6 buildings in Town, making things happen, using performance contracting, and rolling out a town wide energy conservation plan where cost benefit makes sense as well as savings.

Retirement Board – Mr. White said there is a long term liability coming forth for towns and states with the OPREB (Other Post Retirement Employment Benefits). This could run into millions of dollars for towns, and within one year there will be pressure from regulators or auditors to start accounting for long term liabilities. These liabilities are related to medical benefits and the numbers are very large.

Library Board – Mr. Falvey reported that the Board met; there were no major issues regarding the book; and the Library is one of the best in the State. There is a new marketing plan to improve the facility and attract more clients. More than 10,000 Cheshire residents have Library cards, and 90% of them used these cards in 2009.

B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

MOTION by Ms. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Adinolfi.

MOVED that the Town Council approve the following reappointments and appointments:

**Beautification Committee**
Appointments: William Meyerjack (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/12; Jeremy Linder (R) term of office 2/9/ to 1/31/12.

**Building Code Board of Appeals**
Richard Mouris (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14.
Economic Development Commission
Robert Sepp (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14; William Stanley (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14; Brian Miller (D) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/12.

Energy Commission
Carol Wilson (D) to fill vacancy of Lewis Cohen, term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/12; William Gayeski (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14; Joseph Nesdale (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14.

Historic District Commission
Algert Sanders (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/15.

Human Services Committee
Edward Hines (U) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/13; Martha Pickett (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/13; Melissa Calabrese (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/13.

Library Board
Reappointment of Carol DePietro (D) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14.

Public Building Commission
Michael McCardle (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14; Ronald Palumbo (D) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14; Peter Frenzilli (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14.

Retirement Board
William Freitag (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/14.

Water Pollution Control Authority
Tim Pelton (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/13; Walter Gancarz (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/13.

Youth Services Committee
Jason Pinkus (R) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/12; Renomination of Jean Garner (D) term of office 2/9/10 to 1/31/12.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letters to Council
Mr. Sima reported on a letter he received from Kim Stoner, Friends of Boulder Knoll, regarding the Town looking into allowing the New Haven Public School to utilize acreage at Boulder Knoll Farm for an educational and food program. This matter will be reviewed by the Planning Committee.

B. Miscellaneous
14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending Claims and litigation
B. Personnel Issues

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Giddings.

MOVED to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk