MINUTES OF THE CHESIRE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESIRE CT 06410

Present
Timothy Slocum, Chairman; David Schrumm, Vice-Chairman; Justin Adinolfi, Andrew Falvey, Anne Giddings, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Timothy White. Michael Ecke entered the meeting at 10 p.m.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Ramona Harten, Library Director; Robert Ceccolini, Parks and Rec 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. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognition of dedication of John Frederick Kensett painting.
Chairman Slocum informed everyone that the dedication of the Kensett painting took place earlier in the evening in the Town Hall lobby.

Donna Lodynsky, Chair, CPFA, reviewed the work of the committee which promotes the arts in Cheshire. Programs include Arts Place, theater programs and performances, scholarships for high school seniors entering the Art field in college. Ms. Lodynsky thanked Town Manager Milone for his continuous support of the CPFA, and also thanked past and present CPFA members and the Cheshire community for support of the Arts in Cheshire.

Elizabeth Cressy, Chair of the Friends of Arts Place, cited some of the projects supported by the group, including Arts Heals, scholarships for mature students, children’s activities, office improvements, outside beautification projects. The annual author event is the major fund raiser each year. The group has been involved in bringing to Cheshire awareness of the life and legacy of John Frederick Kensett, and his portrait is now displayed in the Town Hall lobby.

Joanne Pilarzcyk, Director of Arts Place, informed the Council that in 2001 she started to recognize the significance of the life of John Frederick Kensett and his affect on the art world. His paintings are displayed all over the world, and state that he is from Cheshire, Connecticut. According to Ms. Pilarzcyk, Mr. Kensett spent his childhood in Cheshire, living less than one mile from the Town Hall. In his short life he traveled the world and became one of the most popular artists in the nation and was a founder of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The portrait of Mr. Kensett depicts him in the last years of his life. Mr.
Pilarczyk thanked the Friends of CPFA, Arts Place, and the CPFA committee for all the events raising private donations to bring the portrait of John Frederick Kensett to Cheshire. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked Town Manager Milone for his support of the Kensett project, and for believing in the arts for the Town of Cheshire. She also thanked Joe Trifilo for posing as Kensett for the portrait, artist Shuang Zhou, and the members of the CPFA and Town departments who worked and assisted in this project.

B. Announcement of the 2010 Annual Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Award Winner.
Donna Lodynsky introduced the 2010 CPFA winner, Donna Mark to the Town Council. Ms. Lodynsky commented on the hard work and dedication of Ms. Mark to the arts in Cheshire, her coordination of Arts Day and One Book/One Town, support of the Kensett project, as treasurer of CPFA, and President of the Connecticut Puppetry Guild. The Council members extended their personal congratulations to Ms. Mark for her accomplishments and award.

C. Recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.
John White, 60 Pound Ridge Road, Commander of Post 1052 Veterans of Foreign Wars and member of the Cheshire Veterans Council gave a brief review of the three year Korean War which started in 1950 and ended in July 1953. Mr. White advised that there are still American soldiers in Korean guarding the border, and said that soldiers returned from this war without any recognition. The Veterans Council feels no veteran should go unrecognized for his or her service, and they should be honored for their service to America.

The Cheshire Veterans Council has created a series of events to publicly honor Cheshire’s Korean War veterans.

On May 20th the Social Studies Department at Cheshire High School, under the guidance of Mr. Zingarella, will host a breakfast for Korean War Veterans, and the veterans will meet with students to discuss their military experience and be interviewed by the students.

On Saturday, May 29th at 11 a.m. there will be wreath laying ceremony with two speakers talking about the Korean War. The speakers will be Col. Ken Gertz and Marine Corp member Jerry Brittingham,

On Sunday, May 30th, there will be a float for Korean War veterans to ride in the parade. This is being coordinated by Ray Squier, Al Adinolfi and Leslie Marinaro. The work on making the float will be assisted by local students and Boy Scouts.

On June 10th, at 2 p.m. there will be a reception at the Senior Center honoring Korean War Vets. Dr. Linda Schwartz, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for Connecticut, will be the guest speaker, and Dr. Bruce Cha, President of the Korean American Society of Connecticut.
These events are being conducted jointly with the Town of Cheshire. Everyone is invited to the events. The Veterans Council wants to see the Korean Vets honored and appreciated for their service to preserve our freedom.

D. **Proclamation for National Police Week.**
Chairman Slocum read the proclamation and presented it to Capt. Robert Vignola of the Cheshire Police Department.

E. **Proclamation for Older Americans Month.**
Chairman Slocum read the proclamation and presented it to Doreen Pulsciano, Director of Senior Services.

F. **Donor Recognition.**
Chairman Slocum read the list of donors FY 2009-10 January through April. Michael Scully, CT Jr. Soccer Assn. South Central District, Susan M.H. Johnson, Edward Fleming, James and Jacqueline Sima, Sisterhood of Temple Beth David, Summer Theater Programs Concessions, Concessions and Candy Sales CPFA, Cheshire Newcomers Club, Southwick Book Club, Nancy and David Burt, Joan Pilarczyk, Cheshire Women’s Club, Charles and Elaine Powers, Suzanne and Vincent Robitaille, Diane and Bill Conroy, Barry and Claudia Spaulding, Friends of Cheshire Library, Cheshire Rotary Club, Emily Murphy, Priscilla Lavin, Kids in Motion, Michael & Marilyn DeAngelo, Town of Cheshire Employees, John White, Justin and Jane Adinolfi, Youth & Social Services Holiday Party, James and Kathy Nankin, James and Barbara Lyke, First Congregational Church Tuesday Circle, First Congregational Church, Melissa Calabrese, Dodd Yellow Team Fundraiser, Kristine and Patrick Cruess, Brilliant Women’s Book Club, Anne and Robert Giddings, Timothy and Kristen Slocum, Timothy White, Cathleen Devlin, Samantha Smith and Family, Jeanne LeVasseur, United Methodist Church, William Hammond.

G. **Annual update by Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board Representative David Borowy.**
Mr. Borowy distributed informational brochures to the Council members. He reported there are 21 members on the Board, and the Board appoints 5 members of the RWA. The Board’s budget is $80 million, of which $40 million is for operation and maintenance. The RWA has 278 employees; last year 28 positions on all levels were eliminated; and expenses have been reduced with the budget $1 million lower than the prior year. $34 million is for debt service which is 110% of the principal and interest payments. $6 million is for PILOT payments to municipalities for RWA properties. There are 1700 miles of water mains throughout out district, and the RWA is replacing 4.5 miles, cement lining and relining about 7 miles of mains. RWA expects to get 125 years of life from the pipes. $4 million will be spent on fixing dams; RWA has 27,000 acres within our district; and there are plans to acquire 3,000 additional acres in areas of aquifer and for continuance of the multi-barrier approach to protect our water.
There are 900 acres which is Class 3 land, and not deemed to be necessary to water operations, so RWA is divesting itself of this acreage.

Highlights of the RWA were cited by Mr. Borowy, including stream flow regulation review for the Cheshire and Hamden wells. The DEP promulgated regulations that would have restricted the amount of water from these well, with RWA’s cost of about $80 million for compliance with these regulations. Through DEP guidance the cost was reduced to $20 million and the legislature did not move forward with this regulation. There was a chlorine surge last Fall, and this was corrected, with the RWA meeting all the Department of Health water quality requirements. The Cheshire water main replacement project went well without any problems. The East Johnson water main break was repaired by RWA and the town engineer said it was a good job. This will be checked regularly by the PW Department to insure the pipe is okay.

Mr. Adinolfi asked if there are any major RWA projects for Cheshire, such as the water line extension in the next few years.

According to Mr. Borowy there are no such plans for a major project. RWA does coordinate with the municipalities to find out what roads are being done so pipe could be replaced with road repaving. Out of the 20 communities, Mr. Borowy said Cheshire is one of the best with open communication with the RWA.

Regarding sewers, Mr. White asked about using the water billing as an indication of user fee charges, and if there is an update on this matter.

Mr. Borowy said that there is an RWA plan to do this with the municipalities, but it was on hold for replacement of the customer information system. The new system will be live shortly, and then this information will provide pricing to determine if the towns want to go forward. It will not be a profit maker for RWA. Some towns may not want to spend money to have this information available. It will be a billing done by the RWA on behalf of the town, with a report sent to the town showing what money has been received.

For the 900 acres of land which the RWA wants to sell, Mr. Schrumm asked if any is in Cheshire to donate for open space.

Mr. Borowy said none of the land is in Cheshire.

The preservation fund was discussed by Mr. Schrumm, and he wanted to know if there is any money left for town or land preservation organizations to use.

Mr. Borowy said the line item for water shed protection will be about $500,000 next year compared to $3.5 million this year. RWA will continue to buy land, trying to secure it through conservation easements with payment over multi years.
Mr. Sima asked about the RWA work done on the northern Route 10 main replacement which dug through the magnetic parts of the lights and these have never been repaired or replaced.

Stating he was unaware of this fact, Mr. Borowy will check into this and speak to the right people to do this work.

Regarding replacement of pipe and getting to the 200 year replacement schedule, Mr. Sima asked if RWA puts in new mains at any time at their expense.

Mr. Borowy said RWA does put in new mains, and has added 600 homes a year. In areas where RWA could connect or an area that would like to have water, it makes sense to connect.

Mr. Sima noted that Cheshire always pays for main extensions and asked if RWA would fund them rather than the Town budget.

In response, Mr. Borowy said he was unaware of any such payments and will check into it.

Mr. White said that the new piping on North Brooksvale Road was paid by RWA.

The RWA acquired land in Ansonia and Mr. Sima asked if Ansonia is now a part of the municipality group and member of the Board.

Stating yes, that Ansonia is a new member and joins Derby, Seymour, and Beacon Falls, Mr. Borowy said their rates are different and it will take 5 to 6 years for the RWA rates to get to their rates. The RWA quarterly rate is $97, and the rate for these towns is $126. The extra money pays for the acquisition.

Ms. Giddings asked about the possibility of there not being a one to one relationship between users of water and those connected to the sewer. It will be interesting to get consumption information for properties in Cheshire it will not help with all of them.

Mr. Borowy said it is not as simple as it initially sounded…how much inflow is and how much should be charged for the outflow. The WPCA will have to work out the formula for an average home for water usage in order to provide the amount for the sewer.

Ms. Giddings commented on providing a more fair distribution for those who live in smaller households who pay the same sewer use charges as the larger households.
According to Mr. Borowy, the towns of Branford and North Haven are also interested in doing this same thing. If RWA gets 3 or 4 towns then the cost of providing the software will be split among the towns, and activating it using it would be economically worth while and viable. This feature is not built in to the software which RWA is putting in.

Mr. Adinolfi asked about RWA making some connection to Cheshire in the future in the event an aquifer failed and there was an alternate source of supply.

In response, Mr. Borowy said a redundancy is built in with second pipes 10 or 12 years ago down to Hamden. So there can be connection to the Whitney Center, and RWA can still run the system and supply water.

Chairman Slocum thanked Mr. Borowy for his informative presentation to the Council.

H. Public Comments.
Ray Squier posed a question about the north end development and the request for a 10 year extension, and if this would have a sunset clause on the north end development. He said a 10 year extension would take us through five Councils, and this is not a wise decision. He would offer a 30 day extension.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Sima.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #051101-1.

RESOLUTION #051110-1
CONSENT CALENDAR FOR MAY 11, 2010

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for May 11, 2010 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

F. 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.

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Historic District Fees Ordinance
   This matter was tabled pending further study.

B. 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.

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Falvey.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #051110-3

RESOLUTION #051110-3

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council authorizes the application, through the Friends of the Library, for a “Smart Investing @ Your Library” grant of up to $100,000 from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation for financial and investment programs at the Cheshire Public Library.

Discussion
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 of the library and type of materials to be
chosen. The grant money would be used for educational programs to hold classes, seminars, and programs on investing and personal 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.

Mr. Falvey asked who would be receiving the grant for Cheshire.

Stating that she was not certain, Ms. Harten believes it would be requested and received through the Friend of the Library group.

Mr. White asked about the age groups for the programs, i.e. going down to 15 or 16 year olds.

Ms. Harten said the age could be younger, and the idea is to start with elementary school children through the summer reading program. Others to be served with the programs would be adults and senior citizens. The goal is to start at a young age, and a financial program for children would be helpful.

Chairman Slocum presumes a program and who would run it would be identified in the application for the grant, and asked for the date certain.

The date is June 15th for the application and Ms. Harten said the turn around time on this grant is very quick, and she wanted Council approval before announcing all the details.

Mr. Adinolfi asked how many other towns in Connecticut were invited to apply for this grant.

Ms. Harten replied that she knows of only one other town invited to apply, and the organization only invited 19 libraries to apply.

Mr. Adinolfi congratulated Ms. Harten on the selection of the Cheshire Library’s invitation to apply for the grant.

According to Ms. Harten this grant is not associated with the stimulus funds, and has been in place for only 3 years.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.
C. 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. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Falvey.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #051110-4

RESOLUTION #051110-4

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council accepts a $26,052 Connecticard Reimbursement and appropriates said amount for the purchase of Library materials, services and equipment.

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 192 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, technology, employee recognition programs, etc.

At the Budget Committee meeting, Mr. Sima noted that Ms. Harten mentioned $500,000.

This is the ball park number she used and Ms. Harten said that the number distributed amongst the libraries in the State is $676,000, and it was increased to $1.2 million. Half of the money gets divided among the 192 participating libraries who participate equally and the other half is divided among the number of net loans that occur across the State. Each library that is a net lender receives an amount per loan each year. This is what the Cheshire Library check is based on, plus the net loan reimbursement.

Mr. Sima commented on some of the funds generated because the library exists, and the association with the number of books the library lends. His concern is the library relying on this money in future budget years if the State decides to pull this funding and the impact it would have on the library operations.

In response, Ms. Harten stated that, basically, what is purchased with these funds is computers which also has a line in the operating budget. The money helps to keep up with the ongoing computer replacement program, the summer
reading program tee-shirts and publicity, and advertising the summer and literacy programs, along with furniture and shelving.

Mr. Slocum asked about the Connecticard money in the library budget calculations and if it was presumed as a revenue source with a certain sum in mind.

According to Ms. Harten the sum is about $50 more than last year, and no hard and fast plans were in place because of her concerns about the State’s budget situation and uncertainty of this budget. The Connecticard and Connecticut Car are considered core services and not touched by the State budget situation.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

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

MOTION by Mr. Falvey; seconded by Mr. Adinolfi.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #051110-5

RESOLUTION #051110-5

BE IT RESOLVED, That, per the request of the Board of Education, the Town Council approves the utilization of up to $50,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Building Maintenance Fund for a supplemental appropriation for the Dodd Kitchen Renovation Project.

Discussion
Vincent Masciano represented the Board of Education (BOE), and commented on the letter from Dr. Florio to the Council which confirms the BOE approved the motion requesting the Council’s authorization of the C.N.R. fund for this project.

Mr. Masciano recapped what the BOE is getting for the money being spent on this project. The first thing is that the loading dock, off to the side of the middle school, will be expanded, and the parking lot must be adjusted for the buses to turn and this created additional cost. In addition to this work, there will be an ADA compliant ramp for students, staff and delivery access, and trash will go down this ramp. The dumpsters will be moved to the opposite side of the parking lot and fenced in as required by code. The key piece to this renovation to a kitchen used for 50 years at the middle school will be retiring the 50 year old main freezer housed in the basement. This old freezer will be retrofitted for dry storage with shelving, and all mechanical components will be removed, with these costs included in the project cost. BOE will purchase and install a new main freezer and walk-in cooler in the loading dock area, and they will be on the
same level as the kitchen so staff does not have to go up and down to the basement carrying heavy items. The restaurant grade freezer and cooler will have a 6 inch insulation for additional efficiency. Part of the project will renovate the small and cluttered bathroom in the kitchen area, and it will be an ADA compliant bathroom. A 50 year old refrigerator on the main level will be retired and this space will be converted into a custodial utility room with drains, water supply, mops and other custodial maintenance equipment. There is a new stackable washer and dryer in this room. Mr. Masciano clarified that the manager’s office as noted on the plans is an unventilated storage closet, and with the upgrade this closet will be a staff locker area with a work station for the manager.

This is Phase #1 and Mr. Masciano said it is necessary because this kitchen has been used for 50 years; everything in this project is reasonable and required; and there are no luxury items or frills being requested. He requested the Council’s support in getting the funding in place for this project for the middle school.

It was noted by Mrs. Giddings that she has heard this referred to as a loading dock expansion, and said there is more involved than the loading dock expansion. She believes the freezer should be moved upstairs, but it is more than that.

Stating he described it as a loading dock expansion, Mr. Masciano said this dock area will now have the new freezer and cooler, and there is building on this concrete slab. There is no increase in the size of the loading dock other than to accommodate the freezer and cooler.

Dennis Rioux, B.L. Companies, advised that the freezer and cooler will be outside the building. There will be a covered walkway for employees to get to the freezer and cooler with a heating pad to melt ice and snow.

Mr. White asked about the ADA funding possibilities for this project.

From the State School Facilities Unit there could be some insignificant funding and Mr. Rioux said it could hold up the project. There is no federal funding.

Stating he would support the resolution for the additional funding, Mr. White said he wants the project to move forward for the summer time construction work. At the same time he said this is a budget over run, and now there is more involved in this project than moving a refrigerator upstairs. He hopes for more feedback from staff to the PBC on budget overruns.

Mr. Sima has two concerns on this project…that it went out to bid once, came in over expense, and is still over budget. The BOE wanted to move a freezer upstairs because staff had to go from the kitchen to the basement to retrieve food, and there is always the chance of an accident with someone falling or
tripping. What bothers him is that these projects start out with good intentions and seem to grow and grow into something not foreseen when they originally started. Mr. Sima said this has become a larger project than first thought and has turned into a revamping of the entire kitchen area, serving line, etc. with two projects, and changing this 50 year old kitchen to a new kitchen. Transparency would be more helpful to him.

The Council was informed by Mr. Rioux that there is no kitchen work being done nor is there work on the serving line in this phase of the project.

Mr. Sima said it is not in this phase but in the future phase of the project, and this has grown into more than a freezer being moved. He does not know who decided on the project going forward to this point. He said this project never went to the Planning Committee of the Council. The other aspect is use of C.N.R. money that was set up as an emergency account, and he read an excerpt of the resolution into the record…"The Board of Education may proceed with repairs by expending operating budget funds in anticipation of a request to utilize this capital fund to address emergency situations." Mr. Sima noted the five bullet notes and does not see how this project fits into any of them. He believes we are skirting procedure here and using this money where it was not intended to be used when the fund was set up. Mr. Sima will not support this project as he does not like the growth this has turned into coming back to use money not intended for this purpose.

It was stated by Mr. Schrumm that he would vote for this resolution so this project can start in the summer time, but this will be looked at during the capital budget process.

Chairman Slocum commented on some Town projects coming in under budget, and asked whether some of the situation with the Dodd project was under estimating the cost, or if it was code compliance requirements increasing the costs. Mr. Slocum believes that there is justification under #2 of the C.N.R. BOE fund bullet points.

Stating it is a little of both, Mr. Rioux said the project started with the BOE Planning Committee with a feasibility study done, and it was turned into a cost estimate for the project, which was passed on to the PBC. The PBC was given a mandate and a budget which was under funded. During the process of going through the regulatory agencies, elements were added to the project so the turn around for the loading dock became a project in and of itself. There is about $50,000 worth of expenditures which were not part of the original project due to the regulatory process.

Chairman Slocum said this is why he is more comfortable with this appropriation because there were so many regulations to be met which are not fully understood by every planning committee in creation of these budgets.
Mr. White wants better staff feedback on PBC projects, and said there has been discussion about where the responsibility lies for school projects and town projects. It comes back to the Council to nail this down in collaboration with staff, BOE, Superintendent and Town Manager.

Three concerns were cited by Mrs. Giddings who said many other projects have come in under bid, and now there is an expectation that well thought out construction projects will come in under budget. Her major concerns relate to the fact that by doing this we give the impression of end running Charter provisions requiring large capital projects to have voter approval. It bothers her that, in some way, the Council is getting around these provisions. Mrs. Giddings expressed here agreement with Mr. Sima that the resolution which established the BOE C.N.R. Maintenance Appropriation and uses made in the past, clearly are emergency type of situations. This project does not fall into that category except for the necessity of getting the job done during the summer.

Town Manager Milone commented on the fact that if the appropriation is approved the Council still has to approve the contract recommendation from the PBC. Mr. Milone hopes that in the next few weeks the Council can put this referral on for a meeting. With the use of the C.N.R. funds this project is under the referendum number.

Mr. Adinolfi stated his recollection that over the last 10 years the BOE, without exception, has done a better job at managing construction projects than the Town, i.e. the Senior Center and the pool. In his last tenure on the Council Mr. Adinolfi said the BOE had a better track record, and he urged them to continue to do what they are doing, and wished them good luck.

VOTE The motion passed 6-1-1; Sima was opposed and Giddings abstained.

E. Call for public hearing for Community Pool appropriation.

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Ruocco.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #051110-6

RESOLUTION #051110-6

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council shall hold a public hearing on Tuesday May 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to consider $ appropriation for the Community Pool Enclosure Project, 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 any postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

Discussion
Mr. Sima commented on the many hours and meetings held with PBC on this matter, which gained speed in 2008 due to the high cost of energy. There were appropriations of over $400,000 extra to pay to keep the pool open due to the inefficiency of the bubble. The issues began with the former Council through the Pool Study Committee and RFP to increase the efficiency of the pool enclosure. It was decided to go to a design/build scenario with submission of proposals, and six were received for consideration.

At the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening, the G.F. Rhode Open Aire proposal was selected as the contractor for the permanent structure over the pool. An Open Aire structure is the best alternative option to the bubble; it will offer a better environment, greatly reduced operating costs; and overall, it will attract more people to the pool facility. The pool will be something of pride for the community.

The RFP was written because the bubble enclosure had proved to be a failure and an option was needed to house the pool over a long term. There have been many instances of problems with the building; sheetrock has been replaced; moisture has been generated from the bubble into the permanent building; there is a poor environment inside the pool; and at times staff had to be at the pool during snow storms with the heat increased.

The G.F. Rhode proposal includes a $300,000 addition to the original cost for a cogeneration system, for all the piping and connections. This electrical generator will supply heat for the pool, heat for the air around the pool and heat for the hot water system domestic use. It will also generate electricity, and there is less than a 6 year payback with $50,000 annual savings.

Mr. Sima commented on people saying this is not a good time to do the enclosure of the pool due to the difficult economic times. He said he would argue that this is the best time, getting the best possible construction price, and when the project is done in mid 2011, the real cost to the Town for payment of the debt kicks in during 2012. We would be building something now to start payment in 2012. If the economy picks up, we will not be on the down side of construction as costs rise, and big payments do not start until 2012 on the principal of the debt. PBC supplied all this information to the Council.

There have been questions asked about why the Town is going out for referendum in June on this project rather than November. Mr. Sima said that during the PBC discussions, one issue which came forward from the Parks and Rec Department was the fact that most of the revenue is generated during the
summer months. If this referendum passes in June, there is still the entire summer season to generate revenue. Another aspect is that if the referendum passes the bubble will not be installed one more time in the Fall. With a November referendum and following the construction schedule for the trusses and glass, etc. in March or April 2011, another summer of operation would be lost, opening the facility in October. At that time of year it is not typical for people to join the pool and there would be a reduction of revenue on the operating side.

In the summer months the revenue numbers are in the $200,000 to $250,000 range. The cost of the referendum is between $4,000 and $5,000. Mr. Sima said this is why the PBC was given such a tight time frame, because this project had to get off the ground and be ready so two summers or even one summer of revenue and operation is lost.

Chairman Slocum stated this matter was the subject of the Planning Committee and Town Council joint meeting last week. When the resolution was formed to create the special committee within the PBC, the Council had worked out that it would determine the selection of the vendor. The resolution for the call of public hearing names the vendor chosen by the Council, and part of the reason is that this is a design/build process. Therefore, the call for the public hearing is more comprehensive with this particular item.

Mr. Adinolfi said he would not vote in favor of the resolution, but he does support a year round pool. With what is being stated about an alternative pool enclosure he wonders whether those in favor are in favor of a year round pool. Mr. Adinolfi also supports public input and said that voting against the resolution does not mean he is against public input because this is what the resolution calls for.

It was stated by Mr. Adinolfi that the PBC did exactly what it was charged to do, came back with comparative information on the two permanent enclosure proposals. Mr. Adinolfi said the prices have climbed, and in his research on the bubble option. He has concerns that if this referendum fails because of the price tag of $7 million, Cheshire will end up with a summer only pool, one which the Town will pay about $4 million for, and this is not right. Mr. Adinolfi prefers that we re-think where we are at, put forth a referendum to the voters in November, asking them if they want a summer only pool, permanent enclosure of $7 million, or $6 million, or do they want a bubble at $500,000. This gives the people some input as opposed to presenting them with one option or nothing. The Town will be spending $30 million or more for a treatment plant, and Mr. Adinolfi cannot see spending $7 million on a pool enclosure when the original pool cost $2.9 million.

Mr. Adinolfi commented on the earlier discussion about spending an additional $50,000 at Dodd Middle School, and these same Councilors who voted or abstained from this vote will probably vote for spending $7 million on a pool
enclosure. Regarding the cogeneration system, Mr. Adinolfi said this can be done on a bubble as well as a permanent structure. He said there are options out there which should be made available. The PBC’s analysis says that this permanent enclosure breaks even with replacement bubbles every 9 years, and Mr. Adinolfi said it is every 15 years. Mr. Adinolfi said this is not the right way to proceed. He supports a year round pool and public input, but does not believe this is the way to proceed at this point given some of the facts that are apparent to him.

Stating the motion before the Council is to go to public hearing for the people to speak on this issue, Mr. Schrumm said the Charter calls for referendums on specific appropriations. There is nothing in the Charter that allows for informational referendums with taking a pick of the one people want. Mr. Schrumm commented on the PBC doing a thorough job in vetting the proposals, getting to the bottom of energy costs, revenue assumptions, long term maintenance, etc. The closer the PBC got to the end, the price did go up, and it is higher than when they started. From an economic standpoint, if the Town is to have a functional, efficient indoor pool for the next 30+ years, this proposal is the best way to go. It is hard to make the case that there is something better and less expensive out there after what we have been through in recent months. The pool needs a permanent structure over it so there are no longer problems. There is a $50,000 annual savings without removal and installation of the bubble. Mr. Schrumm prefers to fix the pool facility to make it a nice one in a planned, orderly, yet expensive way rather than to have the bubble fall down due to ice and snow during the winter. He said it is the worst of times for a referendum on a large item, but it is the best of times to go out and get buildings done because vendors are hungry and builders are looking for work. According to Mr. Schrumm there will never be a better time for this project from a construction expense point, and to bond things with the lower interest rates. Financing of the $7 million over 20 years, with inclusion of savings, is 4/10ths of 1% of the Town's operating budget.

Mr. Ruocco was still undecided on the project and said that to make his decision he wants public input and is in favor of the public hearing. Nothing goes out to referendum tonight, so the vote does not indicate anyone’s up or down decision on the pool.

Mrs. Giddings said that when the project goes to public hearing the Council must give the public the ability to vote on the proposal. Her vote is to send the matter to public hearing and the referendum will not reflect her personal opinion, but reflects only her strong conviction that the public must have the opportunity to express themselves on this issue and vote on it. Her feelings will be kept between her and her ballot. The entire procedure follows the Charter, is transparent, and provides an opportunity for the public to be heard. This is why she is in firm support of it. Mrs. Giddings stated she had some qualms about the
BOE proposal which she felt should go to referendum because the total amount is above the $350,000 level.

Mr. White understands the reasoning for the June referendum vote. He questioned the PBC’s sense of the break even point on the comparison between the two proposals and the bubble.

John Purtill, PBC Chairman, said the break even which Mr. Adinolfi imputed into this is not accurate. He said Mr. Adinolfi is combining the concept of saving of energy and maintenance with the financing and they do not go together. The break even occurs right away because when the new enclosure is in place you start to save money. The saving of the money takes a while to pay for the enclosure but that is not the same as break even. The concept of break even is a matching of revenue and expenses, and Mr. Adinolfi was talking about a matching of expenses and expenses which don’t go together. What the lines in the graph show is that the pool enclosure is paid for by savings over a period of 20 years. You start to save money immediately.

It was stated by Mr. White that his primary concern with the pool was the energy consumption without any idea of what the enclosure would cost. The number is now $5-$7 million, and he hopes with the pool and every project to move away from lowest initial costs to lowest life cycle costs. He wanted to move forward because people did not care for the bubble, but this year the atmosphere did improve. Mr. White read the article in Recreation Management magazine which said that for all year round pool facilities bubbles are short term solutions. Now, Mr. White wants to move forward with this matter, go to public hearing so people can speak their mind, and he supports the call for public hearing. He asked for more information on the number of pool users for the public hearing.

Mr. Milone informed Mr. White that all this information was given to the Planning Committee and the PBC. He also asked if there will be an informational session on the pool enclosure proposal before the public hearing.

Before going to referendum, Mr. Sima said all this information has been compiled and will be out there for the public. At the hearing people will voice their concerns and ask their questions. Before the referendum there will be a lot of information out there on questions from the public, and all the information will be out there for the people to consider. If informational meetings are needed, Mr. Sima said they would be held.

Mr. Slocum said the public hearing will generate input from the pool users and would like pool users to state they like the pool. He also would like people who grouse about the pool to come forward and have questions answered.

Mr. Adinolfi commented on Mr. Purtill’s statement that the bubble is more expensive than the permanent enclosure in about 25 years. Stating he was in
business, Mr. Adinolfi said he understands the concept. He is starting to get concerns about organization of facts to prove a point as opposed to build a $7 million enclosure, rather than what the facts are telling us in terms of what makes sense and is best for Cheshire.

Mr. Falvey stated his support of the public hearing and the need for a formal setting to bring this particular motion forward to know what the Town thinks. The particular option being considered is the one he would prefer to see because it is more aesthetically pleasing, gives the feeling of being outside while inside, and it looks like the greenhouses used by the farmers. However, Mr. Falvey is not in favor of $7 million for a greenhouse because this price is ridiculous, but he wants to hear what the public has to say at the public hearing on this issue.

It was pointed out by Mr. Schrumm that the information on the number of users of the pool is available from the PBC minutes, and he said there was a breakdown of the number of birthday parties, age groups, swim meets, etc. There is $540,000 plus in revenue from the pool, so someone is using the pool to generate this income which ranges from daily passes to swim meets. The pool budget is $895,000 a year; minus the revenue, the taxpayers are subsidizing the pool this budget year by $360,000. Mr. Schrumm stressed the point that it is not costing the taxpayers millions of dollars each year to run the pool. Up to June 22nd it is important that the facts be out there so the community can make a rationale decision.

Mr. Sima added further comments on the matter, and being frugal buying the best product with the lowest cost. This pool enclosure is being frugal, and after looking at all the numbers and the work of the PBC, this is the best fix for the pool. Regarding comments about people not wanting a year round pool, Mr. Sima said he always wanted to address the pool issues, and now there is a fix. The matter has been studied hard and the PBC did a good job. A bubble will not be the fix. If the referendum fails Mr. Sima said he would not vote to close the pool. We will have to bear with the bubble a little longer with high costs to the Town. Many people in Cheshire get good use out of the pool; the pool is there and it should be fixed and make Cheshire proud.

Regarding voting against the $50,000 for the BOE Dodd project, Mr. Sima was not against the funding, but against the process that happened...how projects become bigger than they should be, not taking the proper steps. The other part of his vote against the funding was due to taking money which was in question about being used for this source. He said this project has gotten bigger than it should have been and we are using money that should not have been used for that purpose.

Mr. Slocum stated his agreement with Mr. Sima's comments, and said the pool is an investment through voter support. It is important to get it right, and it is acknowledged that the first structure was a bad choice. Through this process
we have unveiled an improved way of evaluating what we should do now. For that reason along with anticipated savings over the life of the pool, Mr. Slocum is comfortable sending the proposal to public hearing. He also hopes the Council will see the need to take this matter to referendum. Mr. Slocum said it is in the best interests of the voters in Cheshire to vote on the referendum on June 22nd.

**VOTE**
The motion passed 7-1; Adinolfi opposed.

**F. Approval of waiver of bid for acquisition of playground equipment For Mixville Park.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Falvey; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #051110-7

RESOLUTION #051110-7

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is purchasing playground equipment for Mixville Park, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Director has represented that the vendor from whom the current equipment was purchased will offer the Town a significant discount, and

WHEREAS, the variations in this type of equipment complicates the bid process and makes it difficult to equitably bid, and the process to conduct a Request for Proposal for said equipment could delay the installation of the equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interests of the Town to work with a known vendor, to take advantage of a discounted price, and to have playground equipment installed as quickly as possible in conjunction with the park improvements project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 7-8 (c)(11) of the Town Charter, approves a waiver of bid for the purchase of said playground equipment for Mixville Park.

**Discussion**
Director Ceccolini explained that there is $90,000 in the capital budget for Mixville Park improvements. He has had meetings with Mr. White and Mr. Falvey and members of the Mixville community. Discussions focused on improvements, removal of sediment from the upper pond, and fast tracking of park improvements. This weekend the Parks and Rec crews and community members will be cleaning up the park. A key component of the improvements to the park includes a new playground to replace the old one which is in a wetlands
area, is over 20 years old, with unsafe equipment. The inspector of the Mixville playground equipment recommended on taking this equipment down.

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. This equipment cannot be purchased through the State bid list because non-essential items are removed from this list and the Town is not authorized to buy off the federal list.

Mr. Falvey said he met with concerned citizens regarding Mixville Park and things to be done at the park, and one was replacement of the playground equipment which was high on the citizens’ list. This equipment is old, broken and dangerous, and is in a wetlands area and many times it cannot be used. The playground area will be moved a few feet out of the wetlands area, along with changes to the volleyball court and other activity areas. We are taking the first step with the bid waiver, and not having to look at many other vendors. With this vendor we get a good bid, discount, and can move faster. The community has rallied around Mixville Park and this Saturday is volunteer day to work on the park. Mixville is an important part of the park system in Cheshire and people want this work to go forward.

It was noted by Mr. Slocum that the Playground in the Park is a nice facility, and he asked about the comparison in scale between this playground and the one at Mixville.

According to Mr. Ceccolini, the Mixville playground area is about 20% of what is at Bartlem Park. $400,000 was spent at Bartlem; about $50,000 will be spent at Mixville; and some of the Mixville equipment has been removed because it is unsafe, in the wetlands, and cannot be used.

Mr. White informed everyone that the volunteer day at Mixville is Saturday, May 15th, 9 a.m. to work on park improvements. Regarding the 40% discount he said there are differences among equipment purchased from a company, and asked if the Miracle Equipment will cost 40% more than other companies.

The prices are comparable to other companies, and Mr. Ceccolini said the Town will get more for its money by going with Miracle Equipment. The installation costs are about 1/3 of the cost.

Mr. Sima commented on Miracle Equipment being a proprietary company so there is only one vendor in this area to sell this product.
Mr. Ceccolini said this was correct, that the Town is using the Connecticut vendor for Miracle Equipment.

When going out to bid with specifications for Miracle products, Mr. Sima asked if there would only be one bid received.

Mr. Ceccolini said that was correct.

Mr. Sima complimented Mr. Ceccolini, Mr. Falvey and Mr. White for moving so quickly on the park improvement needs for Mixville. However, he will not vote in favor of the bid waiver.

VOTE The motion passed 7-1; Sima opposed.

G. Call for public hearing on transfer of excess right-of-way property on Oak Avenue (possible executive session)

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mrs. Giddings.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council approves Resolution #051110-8

RESOLUTION #051110-8

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council shall hold a public hearing to consider a transfer of excess right-of-way on Oak Avenue, 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 any postponements thereof shall be determined by the Town Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Council.

Discussion
Mr. Schrumm stated that many years ago the Town fixed the road in the Oak Avenue section of Town but transfer of excess rights of way were never filed on the land records.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. Monthly Status Report
B. Monthly Departmental Status Reports
C. Other reports.

- Monthly Financial Report - $820,000 estimated surplus to the General Fund this year; there are concerns about revenue items such as the real estate conveyance tax and the building fees which are lagging behind by about $50,000 to $75,000.

- Property Tax Lien Sale – 4 bids received with all exceeding 100%, with one vendor at 101%, 2 at 103% and 1 at 104.5% of the principal value of the lien sale ($250,000). The Town has done business with the same lien company for 4 years, and they have served the Town well, have been responsive to our taxpayers, without any foreclosures. This firm did not participate in this bid, so the 4 new companies must be interviewed regarding servicing of the accounts and the residents. It is expected there will be a recommendation in about 4 weeks, and it is expected there will be more revenue in tax revenue. WPCA Budget and Pool Budget are still very much in line, and end up close to being balanced.

- Code Red Notification System – a test was done on April 22nd; 10,000 phones were noticed; 73% rate of connection and with second call had 85% of hits which is very high. Over the next few weeks Chief Casner will follow up on those households that were missed. Registration of phones can be done on the web site.

- Residential Electronics Recycling/Paper Shredding – May 22nd, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Hamden High School.

- HazWaste Central – this is through RWA, 9 a.m. to Noon, May 15 to October 30.

- Plastics Recycling Standards – A.J. Waste will now pickup #1 to #7 plastics.

- Road Repaving Schedule – the northeast quadrant of Town will be completed in one week; there is information on the paving schedule on the web site; the next area is the southwest quadrant.

- Yankee Gas Pipeline Project – the work will take place the week of May 9th 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Home Energy Audit – this is a free audit to the first 200 homeowners; over 500 people responded the first day; the next 300 people will get a free home audit; and all those over the 500 number will get a $25 grant to offset the cost of the audit.
- Credit Rating Recalibration – the rating agencies are going to a global rating system, and Cheshire is upgraded to Aa1 from Moody’s and AAA from Fitch. This will not translate to a lower interest rate but will create uniformity and consistency in ratings across the board.

- Probate Court Reorganization – Cheshire and Southington will be merged; a decision is expected by June 30th to relocate the court; the implementation starts on January 1, 2011. Mr. Milone is speaking to the people in Southington, trying to get information together, and his recommendation would be to locate the court in Southington. Cheshire cannot absorb a court of 42,000 people in Town Hall with the limited space and parking, and there are other issues to be explored. The cost to operate the court will be shared between Cheshire and Southington. The idea of sharing the court location between the two towns is being reviewed.

- State Legislative Update – the telecommunications PILOT has been modified and going forward all personal property owned by the telecommunications industry will be subjected to taxes the same as other personal property; it can be inventoried; it can be audited; and it will have a residual value of 20% or 25%.

- Real Estate Conveyance Tax – did not get extended by the legislature and was sunset by accident, and in special session it will be extended for a few more years.

- Clean Water Fund – efforts to increase this to 30% grant awards was not approved; CCM says it is an oversight on the part of the legislature in the 11th hour; and CCM felt the intention was to approve this increase. When the legislature goes back into session it is hoped the grant will be increased to 30%.

- Legislation was passed which would help with the Pratt & Whitney Building and marketing the building; if it is a defense manufacturer or aerospace manufacturer which leaves the State or closed down the facility, any subsequent tenant or building owner will get certain State tax exemptions for up to 5 years and the Town will get some portion of the tax loss.

- All State municipal aid for next year’s budget was approved as is.

- Budget Referendum Deadline – no petition filed by the April 13th deadline.

- Parks and Recreation – Linear Trail crack sealing will be done in 3 to 5 days of work for the 2.9 miles of the trail starting May 25th; Bartlem Park security cameras have a cost of $13,000, with funding from the Underage
Drinking Grant, Parks Dept. Gift Fund, Police Dept. Gift Fund. There will be 2 poles and 3 cameras in the park; the tape can be run for up to a month; and it is hoped that vandalism will decrease in this park and the cameras will be a deterrent.

- Bubble removal takes place on May 24th, and it will take about 5 days to 2 weeks depending on the weather.

- Meetings – Personnel Committee meetings on May 13th and May 18th, 7:30 p.m.
- Town Council Special meeting on May 25th, 7:30 p.m.
- Town Hall closing on May 31, 2010, Memorial Day Holiday.

Mr. Slocum asked about there being no roof trusses on the PW garage, and if there is status available on this via e-mail to the Council.

Mr. Adinolfi asked about the application to the Planning Department for the extension in the regulations for development in the I-C zone. There is some misinformation, and Mr. Adinolfi said his understanding is the request is to bring our regulations up to surrounding towns as well as State regulations. What is being requested by the developer with interest in the I-C zone is for an extension to allow for an additional 5 years to take action on their project, for a total of 10 years. Each year the developer must return every year to get a one year extension up to 5 years. Thoughts that this would hurt the Town and restrict development is not the case, and Mr. Adinolfi feels it is a reasonable request, and he supports this project in the I-C zone. He also noted there are safeguards in what is being requested so the Town is not held hostage, and in these difficult economic times for a developer to put in tens of millions of dollars it sends a message that Cheshire is pro-economic development.

Mr. Slocum spoke to this matter since he attended the PZC public hearing. He cautioned comments for or against because the public hearing is technically closed, without a decision. Mr. Slocum understood the terms discussed to be in one year intervals up to a total of 10 years going before PZC. For the record, Mr. Slocum said he spoke as a Cheshire resident and not as a Council member.

Mr. Schrumm questioned the Town Manager on his guess on the surplus.

In response, Mr. Milone said everything is tracking as expected except for the real estate conveyance tax and building fees. Once the Town awards the liens on the tax sale we will pick up more revenue. The surplus is $800,000 now with more revenue of about $100,000 to $200,000 expected, along with economies on the expenditure side.
Regarding the Senate bill on the credit rating recalibration, Mr. White said legislation was introduced for fundamental reform which could impact credit ratings.

Mr. Sima asked about the Peck Lane paving needs, and where this would be done, i.e. close to Schoolhouse Road and the bridge.

Mr. Milone said it goes from Sandbank to Route 10, all the way to Peck Lane, to Grandview; and from Grandview north some drainage and construction work must be done in the summer.

Without a bulky waste pickup Mr. Sima asked about opening up the transfer station, without charge, to offset people getting rid of clutter.

This has been discussed in the last budget and Mr. Milone said the Solid Waste Committee will meet soon and this will be on the agenda.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

A. Chairman’s Report

B. Miscellaneous
Personnel – Mr. Ruocco reported meetings to be held on May 13\textsuperscript{th} and May 18\textsuperscript{th} (joint meeting with the Council for Town Manager performance and review).

Planning – Mr. Sima said the committee would meet soon to cover many issues.

Solid Waste – Mr. Falvey will set a meeting shortly to discuss many items.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting of April 13, 2010; Special Meetings of April 12 and 17 and May 4, 2010.

MOTION by Mrs. Giddings; seconded by Mr. Schrumm.

MOVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2010, Special Meetings of April 12 and 17 and May 4, 2010 be approved subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS
A. Liaison Reports.
Environment - Mrs. Giddings reported this commission has been active after the open house held last month at the Library, and it was well attended. The commission continues to schedule visits to inspect Town owned open space properties, and have decided to focus on one property each year and get people interested in making improvements so properties are more accessible, trails marked, etc. The commission was pleased to learn about the plastic recycling. Mrs. Giddings noted that more recycling would reduce tipping fees.

Planning and Zoning – Mr. Sima reported the commission has a new change in its zoning regulations to change to 10 years for development renewals.

Public Building Commission – Mr. Sima said they have been working on the pool and the Dodd kitchen project.

WPCA – Mr. Schrumm reported they are moving ahead with the sewer plant expansion plans; the original target date was 2012, but due to State reprioritizing of funding the Town might get pushed out one more year to 2013.

Mr. Milone informed the Council that Dennis Dievert, Supervisor at the Plan, testified before the DEP about this issue because Cheshire is low on the priority list for projects. The DEP will review the list further.

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

MOVED to extend the meeting beyond the 11:00 p.m. curfew to the conclusion of business.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Pension Board – Mr. White reported that Gary Gombar is the new Chairman.

Energy Commission – there is an energy efficiency and conservation block grant and Mr. White said this program’s appropriations have been delayed. He thanked Rep. Murphy for helping to organize a letter to the people making the decision, signed by all our legislators, and there is still a chance this program will be funded with Cheshire getting grant money to benefit homeowners.

BOE – Mr. Falvey reported the Board is working on its budget, ways to minimize impacts, freshman sports, and other activities.

Library – Mr. Falvey reported the library’s March circulation was above that of March 2009, with reduced hours; and the library has the 7th highest circulation per hour of operation in the State. A marketing plan for the library will be out the end of June.
B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

  i. Appointment of David Borowy to the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District for a three year term beginning July 1, 2010.

  MOTION by Mr. Slocum; seconded by Mrs. Giddings.

  MOVED that David Borowy be appointed to the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District for a three year term beginning July 1, 2010.

  VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

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

  MOVED that the following appointments and reappointments be approved by the Town Council:

  William Nellyar (R) to the Prison Advisory Board, replacing Art Wells, term of office 5/11/10 to 1/31/11; Daniel Marchitello (R) to the Public Safety Committee, replacing Mike McCardle, term of office 5/11/10 to 1/31/13; William Kalinowski (R) to Youth Services Committee, replacing Constance Catrone, term of office 5/11/10 to 1/31/12; Joy Hostage (D) to the Library Board, replacing Dolores DiNicola, term of office 5/11/10 to 1/31/12.

  VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letters to Council.

Chairman Slocum reported on a letter from Dr. Greg Florio, Superintendent of Schools, regarding the BOE’s desire to create a committee “Cheshire Public Schools 2020” to look at facilities use and redistricting. Chairman Slocum appointed Councilor Falvey to represent the Town Council on this committee.

B. Miscellaneous

May 19, 2010 – Youth and Government Day.

May 6, 2010 – National Day of Prayer included Town Manager Milone and Council Chairman Slocum participating in this special day.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending claims and litigation
B. Personnel issues

C. Land Acquisition

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mrs. Giddings.

MOVED to adjourn at 11:12 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk