

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84
SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Robert J. Oris, Chairman; Paul A. Bowman, Vice Chairman; Michael Ecke, Jeffrey Falk, Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco, Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Police Chief Neil Dryfe; Director Parks and Rec Robert Ceccolini.

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**Consideration of naming a Town of Cheshire sports field
In honor of retired employee Kevin Simmons.**

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

The Bartlem Park field #4 would be named "Kevin Simmons Field". A plaque will be installed in recognition of Mr. Simmons. Town Manager Milone advised that Kevin Simmons worked 37 years in the Parks and Rec Department, and went above and beyond in his services. The park naming is honoring Kevin Simmons for his years of service to the Town of Cheshire and Parks and Rec Department.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

**6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY
EXPRESSED.**

Parks and Rec Director Ceccolini stated that Kevin Simmons represented the Parks and Rec Department, the Parks and Rec Commission, the Town of Cheshire, and the many athletes young and old playing on the ball fields. Kevin retired on December 31, 2016, and during his years of service led five employees in the maintenance of Cheshire fields. The Council was informed that Mr. Simmons led by example; worked side by side with his crew; was dedicated to the department; made the Town and department look good on many occasions; and deserves to be honored with the field named after him. Mr. Ceccolini noted that Kevin was responsible for the construction of field #4 and led his crew with the construction and irrigation of the field.

Chairman Oris stated that many letters were received in support of honoring Kevin Simmons...from Director Ceccolini, Commission Chairman Nankin, the executive board

of Cheshire Youth Baseball and Cheshire Youth Softball organizations, and many other people.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk