

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014, AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL,  
84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Chairman Timothy Slocum; Vice Chairman David Schrumm; Council Members Patti Flynn-Harris, Liz Linehan, Robert J. Oris, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Peter Talbot.

Absent: Sylvia Nichols.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Michael Markowitz, Town Attorney; James Jaskot, Finance Director.

Guest: Sam Gold, Executive Director, Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
FOR THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE'S PARTICIPATION  
IN THE NEW REGIONAL CENTRAL NAUGATUCK  
VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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 Council was informed by Mr. Gold that the Legislature passed an incentive bill for regional planning agencies to consolidate to reduce some of the burdens and make them more capable. Negotiations were held, potential partnerships were looked at, and after 8 months of working with CEOs and municipal staff, the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (19 towns) was organized. Last month the new COG reached 60% of municipalities adopting ordinances forming the COG. The first meeting of the new COG will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>; there will be election of officers; and start-up operations of the COG begin January 1, 2015. Mr. Gold reported that services to the municipalities will remain the same. With the new staff and the reorganization there will be provision of more services – transportation, environmental, regional planning and land use, access to grants, etc. A new executive director for the COG will be selected, and Mr. Gold advised he would be applying for this position.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.
8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slocum adjourned the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk