

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 9, 2015 HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Tim Slocum, Chairman; David Schrumm, Vice Chairman; Council Members Patti Flynn-Harris, Liz Linehan, Sylvia Nichols, Robert J. Oris, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima.
Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone; Finance Director James Jaskot; Police Chief Neil Dryfe; Library Director Ramona Burkey; Revenue Collector William Donlin; Economic Development Coordinator Gerald Sitko; Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Guests: Betsy Fox, Chair, Historic District Commission; Carol DiPietro, Chair, Library Board.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. Proclamation for Flag Day.

Chairman Slocum read the Proclamation for Flag Day June 14th, into the record of the meeting. Following a suggestion from local residents, Mr. Slocum advised that this year American Flags on the poles will be in place through June 15th in recognition of Flag Day.

On behalf of the Council, Mr. Slocum thanked Cheshire Nursery (Bill and Rick Beebe) for the plants donated for placement in Council Chambers. He commented on Cheshire being the "Bedding Plant Capital of Connecticut", and appreciation of the Town's local growers.

B. Recognition of Dr. Robert Giddings for K-9 Unit Donation.

Police Chief Dryfe addressed the Council on the formation of a K-9 Unit in Cheshire, and expressed appreciation to Dr. Giddings for his generous \$10,000 donation for pursuit of the K-9 Unit for the Police Department. Chief Dryfe commented on a K-9 unit as a natural extension of police work, another asset available to officers on night patrol, and the fact that Cheshire has called out for canine support from neighboring communities. Many suburban communities have a K-9 Unit, all have been successful, and as time goes on, more dogs are added.

Dr. Giddings stated that the donation is in honor and memory of his wife, Anne Giddings, a former Council member and long time educator. The dog for Cheshire is "Rocco", a German Shepard, from Germany.

On behalf of the community, Chairman Slocum thanked Dr. Giddings for his generous donation.

Chief Dryfe informed the Council and the public that the dog will live with his handler, Officer Ryan, who is responsible for the care, feeding, training, etc. of Rocco.

Councilor Oris thanked Dr. Giddings, and reported that a canine unit from Hamden found the person committing crimes in his neighborhood, under a deck. Without the help of the dog, the perpetrator would not have been found.

C. Historic District Commission Presentation

Betsy Fox, Chair, Historic District Commission, gave a short presentation on the work and accomplishments of the commission in the past few years. This is a volunteer commission appointed by the Council; it reports to the State Historic Preservation Office; it is a regulatory commission; has National Park Service Certification awarded in December 2014. The commission received grant funds; is applying for several grants in the next few years for Ball & Socket Building; Houses on West Main Street, Alice Washburn houses in Cheshire. For the Plan of Conservation and Development, the commission met with the PZC, and advised on the historic district chapter of the Plan. There have been many applications submitted (about 30); 8 were approved; 7 exempted; some withdrawn or had a public hearing. The commission co-sponsors with the Historical Society the trolley tours which have had 600 people participating, and a tour scheduled for October 4, 2015. There has been approval of the signs for the South Brooksvale Historic District; receipt of an \$800 commitment from the Historical Society from the trolley tour profits; \$1500 from the Julius Humiston Trust; and grants for funding to be approved by the Council. 2015 Goals include installation of the South Brooksvale signs, co-sponsorship of the trolley tours, design guidelines to property owners, committees looking at new historic district resources.

Ms. Fox thanked Mr. Sitko, Catherine Donovan and Tracy Koslowski, staff members who assist the commission on a regular basis.

D. Library Board Presentation

Carol DiPietro, Chair, Library Board, gave a short presentation on the role of the Board, its duties and accomplishments. The board is the eyes & ears of the community, sounding board for the library director and staff on policies and programs.

Accomplishments include:

- improvement and expansion of technology with more time for staff planning and hosting programs
- hours increased without increasing staff or incurring more costs; library opens at 9 a.m. daily; increase in Saturday & Sunday hours, total of 52+ hours a year; extra Sunday equals +28 hours total
- Collaboration with Arts Place, under the same administrator, collaborative summer art and reading program.
- 2012 renovations of main level, improved children's and teen space and lobby.
- 92% of survey respondents give the Library a good or excellent rating.

Future Plans include:

- Renewal of the Strategic Plan to better serve the community
- Planning of future library space; addressing long term space needs

- Applying for State Library grant to re-do upper and lower levels
- Improve signage
- Review library policies

Ms. DiPietro clarified that the Library Board has administrative functions, and the Friends of the Library is a support group of about 40 people, which provides funding for programs. The Friends group recently raised \$8700 from its book sale, supports staff, donates passes to area museums, holds fund raisers for programs and events.

Library Director Burkey expressed her appreciation to the Library Board for their time and efforts on behalf of the Cheshire Library. She also thanked Friends of the Library for their continued support of the library.

E. Public Comments.

Tim White, 1682 Orchard Hill Road, commended the Council for its pursuit of economic development without using taxpayer dollars. He reported that 120 homes in Cheshire now have solar panels; there are energy efficient programs in place, including CPace. This totals \$20 million in economic development without spending tax dollars.

Cindy Kleist, 251 Lancaster Way, addressed the Council on the serious issues of power outages, 3 times in one week. She has contacted Eversource (CL&P) about this issue. Ms. Kleist stated the power company does not have a maintenance schedule, transformers are +35 years old, poles are leaning and could go over, and this is a quality of life issue. She noted Cheshire residents pay more for electric power than Wallingford Electric Division customers, and with more development in the north end there will be more power outages due to heavier load on the grid.

Town Manager Milone advised that the Town has a contact at the electric company. Her name is Lyn Vazquez and he will have her call Ms. Kleist.

Chairman Slocum expressed appreciation to reporter Lauresha Xhiana from the Waterbury Republican newspaper for her many years of excellent coverage of Cheshire town government Council, board and commission meetings. Ms. Xhiana is moving onto other career opportunities, and was wished good luck from the Town Council.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-1

RESOLUTION #060915-1
CONSENT CALENDAR FOR JUNE 9, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Consent Calendar for June 9, 2015, as follows:

- A. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$103 donation from the Cheshire Community Chorus to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.
- B. Appropriation of \$2,000 from the Jitney Bus Fund for the Greater Waterbury Transit District Dues for Non-ADA Service for FY 15-16.
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of an anonymous \$50 donation to the Human Service Gift Account for general purposes.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5 donation from Angela and Joseph Orsene To the Library Gift Account toward the purchase of a Children's Room sign.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$17,004, 2015 Connecticut Reimbursement from the Connecticut State Library for purchase of Library Materials, services and equipment.
- F. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200 donation from the Cheshire Lions Club to the Library Gift Account for Library materials, furniture and computers.
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of an aggregate of \$12,800 from the sale of used handguns to police officers/retirees to the Police Gift Account to be used toward the purchase of new handguns.
- H. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10,000 donation from Dr. Robert Giddings For the creation of a Police Department K-9 Unit.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on solar farm installation project.

Town Engineer Walter Gancarz updated the Council on this project. He said there are three steps involved for project approval -- enter into ZREC auction on June 18th; Mr. Milone signs the bid form; and there is no commitment until a successful auction. The benefits are a fixed rate for one megawatt capacity at 8 cents; savings to Cheshire of about \$1.7 million over 20 years; and no up front dollars required. The Town signs a power purchase agreement to purchase electricity at 8 cents per kwh. The Town Attorney has looked at the draft agreement and Solar City is in agreement. Mr. Gancarz commented on virtual net metering; more electricity generated to be used at the Town Garage; and the use could be spread to 8 other Town buildings. Regarding the financial aspects, Solar City is not paying for the land; the ZREC bid is subsidy to the rate; and Solar City has a customer for 20 years.

Solar City will be seen in Town when construction starts later in the Fall, with the project done by spring/summer 2016. Regarding the rates, Mr. Gancarz advised that with the performance contract there is 3% escalator per year. The agreement will be submitted to the Town Attorney in the next few days. The Town uses 11 million kwh per year; the \$1.7 million is eliminated with the performance contract; with solar there is another decrease of 365 kwh; the new treatment plant will have a reduction of 800 kwh; and this is taking a sizable decrease in the energy payments.

B. Acceptance of 2015 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Applications.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-2

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the submittal from The Cheshire Community Food Pantry for the 2015 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program; said submittal will be forwarded to the Connecticut Department of Revenue for consideration for inclusion in this program.

Discussion

CCFP applied and Cheshire is the administrator of the application process. Mr. Milone said there are 501-C-3 guidelines to be followed with any type of donations, and everything will be confirmed with CCFP.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

C. Award of tax and sewer lien assignments

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Ruocco

BE IT RESOLVED, , that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-3

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council pursuant to Sections 12-195h, 7-254 and 7-258 of the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizes the Tax Collector to assign for consideration such tax and sewer liens as deemed appropriate for assignment by the Tax Collector, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the consideration for such assignments be negotiated between the Town, acting through its Tax Collector and the assignee(s), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council awards the assignments as presented to Caz Creek CT LLC(Purchased) at 113.567% on the dollar.

Discussion

Every year the Town sells its tax liens place on properties, and Mr. Schrumm said outside agencies collect them. The Town will get 113.567% of what is owed . Revenue Collector Donlin explained the process which starts in March or April. There were 60 properties totaling \$307,000, and during the course of mailings, phone calls, etc. there are now 15 properties at \$108,000. Since March the Town has collected \$199,000 with \$152,000 current year money. Based on the bid amounts, Cheshire properties have high value. Caz Creek was the highest bidder at 113.5676%. Since May 2003 there have been 664 properties in the lien process; \$3.4 million has been collected; 2 properties were lost to foreclosure.

Cheshire has a tax collection rate of 99.8%, and Mr. Sima noted that with the lien sale the tax burden is not passed onto others.

Mr. Donlin stated the Town will receive a check for the full amount of the tax lien.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

D. Transfer of uncollectible taxes to the Suspense Tax List.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, , that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-4

RESOLUTION #060915-4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the transfer of uncollectible taxes, as presented and attached, to the Suspense Tax Book.

Discussion

Mr. Schrumm explained that these are taxes not collectible, and they are taken off the books to the Suspense Tax Book.

The Town has a contract with a tax service company that does collection work and Mr. Donlin reported the tax payer pays the tax +15% fee to the company.

Mr. Milone acknowledged the excellent job of Mr. Donlin and his staff with a 99.8% collection rate. Under the new payment plan, taxes can be paid on line from home, and the department is doing things to make paying taxes easier for tax payers.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

E. Approval of non-union Pay Plan and Library non-union Pay Plan.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Ms. Nichols.

BE IT RESOLVED, , that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-5

RESOLUTION #060915-5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the FY 15-16 non-union Pay plans, with a 3% increase in the maximum for all ranges for the non-exempt, the exempt, and the Library job classifications, as advanced by the Personnel Committee.

Discussion

Mr. Ruocco told the Council that the Personnel Committee addresses this issue each year, looking at the salary breakdowns for the job classifications, and making adjustments. This year there was 3% increase to the maximum of all ranges, and the minimum bracket was not changed.

The Council was informed by Mr. Milone that there are 39 full time staff and 25 to 30 part time staff (work less than 30 hours) on the administrative level.

Stating he does not support the pay plan increase each year, Mr. Ruocco said the trends should be slowed down, and he will not support the resolution on the floor. He noted that people at the maximum get a lump sum and their salary stays the same.

Mr. Oris commented on the fact that this is not a "certain raise"; some staff are at or near the max and deserve a raise up to 3%. This is the opportunity to keep management people who do a good job, and the increase is parallel with that of the union. At maximum a person has no increase, gets a lump sum payment. He agrees with no increase in the minimum levels, and said there should be expansion on the high end for management to decide the percentage of increase case by case.

Mr. Milone explained that some staff work 15 to 20 hours a week. There are a number of employees at the top range who would not get an increase based on performance. He said that increasing the range does not mean people get a 3% raise, because the average increase is 2.5%, with the total amount not to exceed \$103,000. Mr. Milone will have the flexibility to give larger raises to those who deserve it and to reward excellent performance. Out of Town and BOE employees, only 6% are non-union, and he said these are the people who drive the operation of town government, working 50+ hours a week. He wants to reward them the same as union employees. Mr. Milone noted there is a cap of \$103,000 for salary increases.

A key point was raised by Ms. Nichols who said not everyone will get a 2.5% to 3% raise.

VOTE The vote was 4 in favor: Flynn-Harris, Linehan, Oris, Nichols and
4 opposed - Slocum, Schrumm, Ruocco, Sima.

THE MOTION FAILED TO PASS. THE MATTER WILL BE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE.

F. Authorization to proceed to bid for the Senior Center Renovation Project.

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Nichols

BE IT RESOLVED, , that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-6

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the plans, specifications and budget for the Senior Center Basement Renovation Project, as presented and approved, by the Public Building Commission (PBC) and authorizes the PBC to proceed to bid for said project.

Discussion

Mr. Sima reported this was discussed at PBC; it is ready to go to bid to get the project underway. Regarding the 2nd floor being able to structurally handle the exercise program, PBC will address this as the project moves forward. The basement project is the priority, and anything left over can be used for the 2nd floor.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

G. Allocation for buildings issues on Town Open Space.

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris

BE IT RESOLVED, , that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-7

RESOLUTION #060915-7

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, per the recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to initiate the process for transfer of ownership of the residential building on the Town's Boulder Knoll Farm property to the Cheshire Housing Authority,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager and his designees are authorized to proceed with both of these actions.

Discussion

Mr. Sima commented on the property across from the old barn as being leased out, the Town not being set up as a landlord, along with maintenance of the house. The house can be transferred to CHA which can insure rents are paid and maintenance takes place.

CHA is an independent agency with other funding sources, and Ms. Nichols asked if the Town would still own the land. She said this Council action is the first step in the negotiations.

According to Ms. Flynn-Harris the abutting property is Town owned, has been maintained by the lessee, and there are issues to be negotiated.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

H. Request for zone change for Town Property on Waterbury Road

MOTION by Mr. Sima; seconded by Mr. Ruocco

BE IT RESOLVED, , that the Town Council approves Resolution #060915-8

RESOLUTION #060915-8

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Town of Cheshire's participation in a request to amend the zone from C-2 to I-1 for property on the east side of Waterbury Road approximately between Mixville Road and Percival Drive, which includes the Wallinger property, Arts Place, and the former landfill property.

Discussion

This is the section of property in front of the old landfill, and Mr. Sima said the Wallingers want to take a non-conforming use and bring it into a conforming zone. The C-2 zone does not fit with the Public Works Garage, which fits into the I-1 zone. This matter would go forward to the PZC with the Town and Wallingers as co-applicants.

John Milone, P.E. Milone & MacBroom, informed the Council that boards and exhibits were shown at the Planning Committee meeting. These are a series of properties which are mostly Town owned, with the Wallingers owning one commercially zoned property. The garage and other permitted uses can remain the same. The Wallinger use is non-conforming and they want to improve this, but nothing can be done under current zoning, and they want to do it without spot zoning. There is no negative impact on the Town; operations continue as they exist now; and the use would be consistent in the I-1 zone. With Council approval, the application goes before PZC jointly by the Town and Wallingers, for a zone change by July, and a special permit considered in the Fall by PZC.

In response to a question about surrounding Town property (garage, body shop) Mr. Milone said everything to the east is R-40 zoned. Right now the subject property is a commercial zone in the middle of a residential zone. Any Town use is under special permit and continues even with a zone change.

A question on spot zoning was raised by Mr. Oris, who asked why 2 or 3 properties do not make this zone and 5 pieces are needed.

This is a PZC interpretation and Mr. Milone explained that 2 parcels together will not be approved for a zone change and are considered spot zoning. Combining several parcels currently in one zone will be a change to industrial zone.

Mr. Oris wants to insure the Town continues to do what it wants to do, and improve the Wallinger site. He asked if anything before PZC requires a special permit in this zone. There are some uses in the commercial zone and industrial zone by right, and Mr. Milone said the Wallinger use in the Industrial Zone requires a special permit.

Another scenario was cited by Mr. Slocum who commented on the Town abandoning Arts Place and selling the property, thereby dictating this would only be an industrial property.

As a consultant and land planner, Mr. Milone said a commercial use in this area is not the best use due to traffic flow, and the industrial zone makes the most sense for this small strip of land.

With regard to spot zoning Mr. Sima said we are taking property that is commercial and moving it to industrial. The Town cannot sell Arts Place because part of the parking lot sits on the landfill to protect that area for many years to come.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Monthly Status Report.

B. Department Status Reports.

C. Other

Town Manager Milone introduced Evan Colechia, Finance Department Intern, attending Elon University, to the Council.

Monthly Financial Reports - \$500,000 surplus projected in the General Fund; possible \$100,000 shortfall in the WPCA fund; Pool budget will have a slight surplus.

Legislative Update - FY 16 municipal aid to Cheshire will increase by \$146,500; the Town has received \$378,000 more in state aid in the prison PILOT and Pequot grant. One half of the sales tax will go to fund to be distributed to municipalities; Cheshire at \$855,000 more than current level; big unknown is the motor vehicle tax cap.

Page 7 of the CCM report does not talk about how money will be distributed or the pot of money over time; the tax revenue loss will be greater every year. FY 20-16 looked into what is budgeted; FY 2017 is when changes take place; State college PILOT and property PILOT grants could drop back and offset the \$855,000 going the other way.

Regarding the mill rate cap on motor vehicle taxes, Mr. Milone does not expect 2017 will have an effect on Cheshire; FY 2018 will have an impact.

S.B. 593 Mega Mandate did not come out of committee for a vote.

Page 6 CCM report states PILOT payments will be tiered; Cheshire is at the lower end; juvenile and correctional facilities are excluded from the calculation.

Page 10 CCM reports on the spending cap in FY 2018 limiting general budget expenditures to 2.5% above prior year or rate of inflation, whichever is greater.

Mr. Milone said there is much unknown. We need to wait to see what comes out of special session, and there is no way to determine the financial fate because of the many loose ends.

In looking at the information, Ms. Flynn-Harris noted the Town would need two mill rates -- one for personal property and one for motor vehicles. There will be an impact on staff and hidden costs.

Mr. Milone said the Town would have to look at its program; there will not be collection of motor vehicle taxes at 99.8%; the Town will lose money; and based on the current mill rate it would be about \$300,000. According to Mr. Milone the State plan is not workable and is unfair. At the next legislative session, Mr. Milone will be present and inform the legislators this plan will not work.

Mr. Sima commented on next year, trying to figure out the mill rate to run the town. In the budget cycle there will be guessing on funding to the town.

Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project Commercial Tip Fee - the new agreement with Covanta has a tip fee of \$65, with the cost up not more than 3.7% a year. There was an increase to the commercial haulers to \$78, and 3 weeks ago the tip fee was raised to \$100 with 3 days notice. Questions are raised about business practices, and the DEEP is now involved. The Mid-Con facility closed down; the new facility is overwhelmed; the tip fee at Wallingford was increased; once Mid-Con is operational they will revisit the tip fee and reduce it. A.J. Wallinger wants to increase the fee to the Town and this will be discussed at the next Council meeting. The problem is state wide, and DEEP has been told this; the plant is 40 years old; and with a plant out of operation they were forced to increase the tip fee.

Town Recognition - Cheshire has been recognized as the 8th best suburban community in the State and the best in New Haven County, with the school system ranking very high. This year Cheshire is #10 for Safest City population 20,000 or more.

Street light Audit - a company is looking at the lights with audit forthcoming.

Community Pool Construction Status - Mr. Milone read a letter from Keith Goldberg (Arcadis) into the record on the energy code and foundation concerns at the pool. The Cheshire Building Official, Mr. Darin, is satisfied everything meets the energy code. He has been thorough and methodical and wants to insure the project is done right. He has a good and cooperative relationship with Arizon and Arcadis. With regard to the steel storage, Mr. Milone will check on this and report to the Council.

Regarding the building official process, Mr. Oris asked about the excessive time to go through this process, and asked that pressure be put on the official to get it completed as quickly as possible without sacrificing quality.

There will be an update and summary from the Building Official on the agenda of the June 17th meeting.

There was further discussion about the Town paying Arcadis for extensive oversight and involvement related to the pool project (additional foundation costs), information on committee meetings, and information to the Council.

Chairman Slocum stated the pool subcommittee has not had any recent meetings; the project is in the hands of the Building Official; and information will be forthcoming to the Council.

At the Planning Committee meeting next week, Mr. Sima said he will try to have reports on the pool, and if not, the pool subcommittee will have to meet.

WWII Exhibit at Town Hall, CHS Students - The high school had an event honoring veterans, and 105 exhibits depicting WWII from beginning to end will be on display in the lobby of Town Hall. This well done documentary of WWII deserved to be on exhibit to the public, and Mr. Milone noted it is educational, informative and enlightening.

Public Works Projects-Status Report -- one-third of the roads have been milled and paved; the 2nd phase starts the end of July and includes Town Hall sidewalks and courtyard project.

Community Events Electronic Signboard - the electronic sign board is operational at the high school and is a nice addition to the campus. Mr. Milone thanked the Lions Club, CHS PTO, and the Town for support of this project. The cost was \$26,000.

Upcoming Meetings - Audit Committee, June 11th, 5:30 P.M.; Budget Committee, June 15th, 7:30 P.M.; Personnel Committee/Special Town Council Meeting, June 16th, 7:00 P.M.; Special Town Council Meeting, June 17th, 7:30 P.M.

Holiday - Town Hall closed on July 3, 2015, Independence Day.

Council Comments and Questions

Mr. Sima will check with PW Department on surplus material from the milling project.

Mr. Milone explained the shortfall in the WPCA budget, noting it was not due to lower sewer use fees, but partially due to the reduction in billings for I&I (\$80,000--+) at the prison. There was also overtime, program materials, higher utility costs driving the shortfall. Funds from the project balance can be used for these expenses, but he will check this with bond counsel, determine where the problems occurred, and Council will have an answer next week.

At the BOE meeting there was one issue about code compliance, and information will be forthcoming to Council for the capital budget process.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

A. Chairman's Report.

Chairman Slocum referred the following items to committee:

- Connecticut education fees on waived building permit fees for Town properties to the Ordinance Review Committee.
- Amended Street Excavation permit fees to the Ordinance Review Committee.
- Naming request from the Gode Family to the Planning Committee.

Ordinance Review - Ms. Nichols will schedule a committee meeting.

Planning Committee - Mr. Sima reported on items from the last meeting, HOA response, Zone Change, Damage to Roofs in the school system and CEP item, Senior Center Renovation, Open Space Land Management, Boulder Knoll property residents to CHA, Disposal of surplus property.

Personnel - Mr. Ruocco reported the committee will meet on June 16th; agenda items include the Town Manager's Goals and Objectives, and Performance Evaluation.

Budget - Mr. Schrumm stated a committee meeting is set for June 15th; agenda items include review of medical benefits and final numbers, BOE \$10 million of encumbrances, what they are, and information from Mr. Masciana.

Audit - Ms. Flynn-Harris reported the committee meets on June 11th to interview three audit firms for new contract; she noted Planning Committee also discussed the barn/shed at Boulder Knoll Farm and asked the status of this structure.

The Council was told by Mr. Milone that there are concerns about the safety of this unsightly building which need to be addressed. In the amendment to the Boulder Knoll Farm agreement, there should be more clarity on the farm's utilization of this barn for storage. Mr. Sima said this issue was revisited by the Planning Committee, and the tie-in to the shed should be included in the agreement.

B. Miscellaneous

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

MOVED that the Town Council approves the minutes of May 12, 2015; Special Meetings of May 21 and June 2, 2015, subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

12. MISCELLANEOUS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Liaison Reports

Human Services - Ms. Nichols reported there was no quorum at the last meeting.

Environment Commission - Ms. Nichols will attend the June 10th meeting.

Public Building Commission - Mr. Sima stated the PBC is busy with school projects; the boy's locker room project will start the last day of school to include installation of vapor barrier; it is uncertain the project will be completed by the start of school. The lockers were ordered, company went out of business, and lockers were reordered, and may not be installed in time for the start of school. In that case, accommodations will be made for students with use of other areas, i.e. the other gymnasium.

WPCA - Mr. Schrumm reported the plant opening will be held in October; the project is on time and on budget.

Board of Education - Mr. Oris informed the Council that the BOE approved its five year capital budget at \$19.1 million; \$3 million in FY 2015-16.

Arts Place - Ms. Flynn-Harris advised the summer schedule is on the web site; CPFA is now under the supervision of the Library Director; there is good synergy, combined resources, and more programs for residents of all ages, including the reading and art program.

Planning & Zoning Commission - Ms. Flynn-Harris reported the commission continues its work on the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD); PZC awaits final number of responses to the community survey.

Youth Services - Ms. Linehan reported some cases are being referred to the Juvenile Review Board, and more information will be available from CPD next month.

B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

MOVED that the Town Council approve the following appointments and/or reappointments.

Library Board - William Hellyar (R) to fill the vacancy of Alice Darter, term of office present to 1/31/16.

Parks and Recreation Commission - Steve Trifone (I) to fill the vacancy of David Veleber, term of office present to 1/31/16.

Beautification Committee - William Bonaminio (R) to fill the vacancy of William Bonaminio, term of office present to 1/31/16.

13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letters to Council.

B. Miscellaneous

Chairman Slocum informed the Council that they are invited to a breakfast at Highland School on June 16th.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Schrumm; seconded by Mr. Oris

MOVED to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 10:38 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk