

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST., CHESHIRE, CT 06410

Present:

Peter Talbot, Chair; Jim Jinks, Vice Chair; Fiona Pearson, John Milone, Don Walsh, David Veleber; Greg Wolff

Staff/Guests: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager; Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager; Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist; Town Attorney Jeffrey Donofrio; Jim Jaskot, Finance Director

Absent: Deena Allard, Patricia Cramer

Peter Talbot called the special meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Noelle Shepard called the roll, and a quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. PROPOSED FY 2025-2026 CAPITAL BUDGETS.

Sean Kimball reviewed the updated proposed capital budget projects. Discussion was had on the road improvement program as John Milone mentioned the Council had not come to a consensus at their previous meeting.

Sean Kimball explained the history with the splash pad project and updated as to its status. Discussion was had on the recirculating system. Don Walsh explained that a number of towns have recirculating systems and there are some health and safety concerns. He suggested including an outdoor shower. Sean Kimball explained that they put the project out to bid, and the lowest qualified bidder came in at \$1.25 million – with two add alternates. Discussion was had on the splashpad project. Jim Jinks expressed that he is not supportive of moving the pool roof forward this year. Fiona Pearson expressed that if there is additional time for the splashpad and the STEAP grant, would rather do it right instead of rushing and downgrading. The Town Council consensus was to remove the additional capital appropriation for the splashpad. John Milone expressed his preference to eliminate the south parking lot resurfacing and loading dock improvements project and replace with the turf field.

The Town Council consensus was to move forward with drafting proposed resolutions for the following **referendum** items and total amounts for the August 26, 2025 Town Council meeting –

- Replace 2001 Fire Truck Pumping Engine #1 \$1,100,000
- Road Improvement Program \$800,000
- Fire Alarm Control System – Cheshire High School \$1,100,000
- South Parking Lot Reconfiguration / Loading Dock Improvements –Cheshire High School \$800,000
- Synthetic Turf Field Replacement – Cheshire High School \$800,000

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comments made.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Don Walsh motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Jim Jinks seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously by those present, 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Attest:

Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist