

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE YOUTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.,
84 SOUTH MAIN ST, CHESHIRE, CT 06410

Present: Phillip Belcher, Susan Pappas, Marlena Soble, Sherry Stekoff, Sally LaRusso

Absent: Margie Rogers and Kristina Veilleux

Staff/Guests: John Bajor (Minutes Clerk), Hilary Norcia (Chesprocott Health District), Dawn Cronin (Cheshire Junior Women), Kevin Iglesias (Western CT Coalition), Abigail Wood Maldonado (Western CT Coalition), Patrick Latorre (YMCA Leaders Club), Lisa Zaborowski (Cheshire YMCA), Sandy Hernandez (Cheshire Library), Kevin Lardner (Cheshire High School), Elizabeth Mayne (Parks and Recreation), Michelle Piccorillo (Human Services), Chelsea Kapitancek

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Belcher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The roll was taken by John Bajor and the pledge was recited.

2. SEATING OF ALTERNATES AS NEEDED FOR QUORUM

Chairman Philip Belcher seated all commissioners for voting.

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no corrections to the previous minutes

MOTION by Marlena Soble to approve the prior meeting minutes as is
SECONDED by Sherry Stekoff, with motion passing unanimously by those present.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING:

A: Susan Pappas from the Cheshire Housing Authority reported a successful flu clinic.

B: Lisa Zaborowski reported the YMCA is getting ready for camp season as registration opens in January. Regarding Building and Zoning, the YMCA is set up in 3 defined areas: Worship, Housing and Learning. In addition, provisions are being made to install a yoga area, pickleball area and soccer clinics.

C: Sandy Hernandez reported the Cheshire Library book sale continues through Sunday and a grant was

applied for the visually impaired that will include audio books, larger print and Braille.

D: Hilary Norcia reported the Chesprocott headquarters were moved to 1187 Highland Avenue across from Barkers Cartoon Museum and next to the carwash and Paul's Diner. The ribbon cutting will be held on December 8 and the building will have 2 exam rooms once approved for vaccinations and Narcon training. Flu vaccines were successfully given to Cheshire Academy students and staff (approximately 200), Elim Park and Cheshire High School (approximately 60). As nearing the 50th anniversary, there will be a historical photo contest with the winning photos framed and displayed in the new location.

E: Dawn Cronin reported the Cheshire Junior Women will support a "Letters to Santa" event and a contest for a child to light the Christmas tree and Minora on December 7. In addition, 4 families were "adopted" for Thanksgiving dinner and a game of music bingo will be held on December 8.

F: Elizabeth Mayne from Parks and Recreation reported a successful Halloween event at Mixville with support from the Lions Club and Scouts along with a scarecrow contest at Bartlem Park. On December 8, Winter wonderland will open with a permanent ice-skating rink. Lastly, the indoor basketball program is underway with a full program of participants.

G: Marlena Soble reported a successful food drive during its 52th annual year. Over 25,000 items of food were collected which completely filled the tractor trailer. In addition, the drive raised 20,000 dollars for future support.

H: Michelle Piccorillo reported that with the current Federal Government shutdown SNAP benefits have been disrupted however thousands of dollars in gift cards have been donated to assist those in need. In addition, The Cheshire Senior Center was recognized nationally by AARP which is a high honor and filing will be occurring this week to showcase.

I: Abigail Wood Maldonado reported the next leadership meeting of the Western CT Coalition will be held on November 18 in Watertown, CT.

6. CANNABIS 101:

Chelsea Kapitancek from Western CT Coalition gave a Power Point presentation on the pharmacology of cannabis, the impact of underage use (Legal age is 21) and strategies to prevent underage use.

MOTION by Susan Pappas to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM

SECONDED by Marlena Soble with motion passing unanimously by those present.

Attest:


John Bajor