



**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE
TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
6:45 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026
ROOM 207, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST., CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Fiona Pearson, Deb Manke, Don Walsh

Staff/Guests: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Jim Jaskot, Finance Director; Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager; Jack Casner, Fire Chief; Mike Kozlowski, Fire Marshal

Fiona Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Noelle Shepard called the role, and all Committee members were present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$200.00 donation from John Purtill to the Library Gift Account for general purposes.
- B. Acceptance and appropriation of \$1,442.00 from the Senate Bill 2 Incentive Grant to the Library to be used for general purposes.
- C. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$50.00 donation from Jean Sheeley to the Cheshire Police Department Gift Account for general purposes.
- D. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$10.00 donation from Regina Schiavi to the Cheshire Police Department Gift Account for general purposes.
- E. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$250.00 donation from the Lady Fenwick Chapter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution to the Parks and Recreation Gift Account for the Semiquincentennial Celebration.

- F. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$550.00 donation from The Bowman Corporation, R.W. Hine Hardware to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
- G. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$5,000.00 donation from Hope for Our Neighbors, Inc. to the Human Services Gift Account for emergency shelter for unhoused individuals and families.
- H. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$250.00 donation from Cheshire Lutheran Church to the Human Services Gift Account for general purposes.
- I. Acceptance and appropriation of a donation in the amount of \$525.00 from the Parks and Recreation 2025 Scarecrow Contest to the Human Services Gift Account to help residents in need.
- J. Acceptance and appropriation of a \$3,750.00 donation from Hope for Our Neighbors, Inc. to the Human Services Gift Account to be used for long term housing.
- K. Approval of tax refunds in the amount of \$14,533.15.

Don Walsh moved to forward agenda items A-K to the full Town Council for approval, and Deb Manke seconded the motion. Fiona Pearson thanked HFON for their significant donations. All in favor, the motion passed, 3-0.

- L. Call for Public Hearing for March 12, 2026 for the FY 2026-2027 General Operating Budget, Water Pollution Control Department Fund Operating Budget, and Community Pool Fund Operating Budget.

The date was moved to March 11th.

Don Walsh motioned to forward the call for public hearing for March 11, 2026 for FY 2026-2027 General Operating Budget, Water Pollution Control Department Fund Operating Budget, and Community Pool Fund Operating Budget, to the full Town Council, and Deb Manke seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

- M. Authorization to hire a part-time Fire Inspector.

Sean Kimball clarified that it is a full-time position.

Don Walsh motioned to forward the authorization to hire a part-time Fire Inspector to the full Town Council. The Fire Marshal's Office collected \$246,480 in permit fees. The other Deputy Fire Marshal will be retiring July 1st. All in favor, the motion passed, 3-0.

- N. Authorization for the Human Services Department to apply for a DOT grant for a new Senior Center mini bus.

Don Walsh motioned to forward the authorization for the Human Services Department to apply for a DOT grant for a new Senior Center mini bus to the full Town Council, and Deb Manke seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed, 3-0.

- O. Authorization to apply for the CT State Library's 2027 Historic Documents Preservation Grant in the amount of \$6,000 for records conservation and preservation.

Don Walsh motioned to forward the authorization to apply for the CT State Library's 2027 Historic Documents Preservation Grant in the amount of \$6,000 for records conservation and preservation to the full Town Council, and Deb Manke seconded the motion.

Sean Kimball explained that the Town has applied for this grant every year since 2002. All in favor, the motion passed, 3-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Don Walsh motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Deb Manke seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Attest:

Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist