

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC
HEARING, ROOM 207/209, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST., CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

Present:

Peter Talbot
Jim Jinks
Fiona Pearson
Greg Wolff
Lou Todisco
David Veleber
Don Walsh
Patricia Cramer
Deb Manke

Staff/Guests: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager; Jim Jaskot, Finance Director; Gina DeFilio, Deputy Finance Director; Jeff Solan, Cheshire Public Schools Superintendent; Emily Taylor, Cheshire Public Schools Chief Operating Officer

Absent: N/A

Peter Talbot called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Proposed FY 2026-2027 Operating Budgets.

General Budget Deliberations.

Sean Kimball reviewed proposed revenues for each Town department, and the Councilors proposed adjustments.

Sean Kimball explained that the Town received favorable interest rates. Discussion was had on debt service reserve funds.

Sean Kimball explained the revenue issue with the Parks and Recreation Department is that a large portion comes in around June and July from the summer camps. Discussion was had on impact of per player fee. Investment income was discussed. Sean Kimball explained that it is interest rate and cash driven. Borrowing less money for the schools than anticipated meant less money in the bank accounts to invest.

Discussion was had on the new fire hydrant maintainer full-time position, which Councilors expressed support for. Discussion was had on whether to include \$25,000 for invasive plant and tree removal. Discussion was had on bulky waste. Discussion was had on \$1,000,000 debt service reserve.

Sean Kimball mentioned that he would send around the mill rate calculator with the proposed updates.

4. Public Comment.

No public comments.

5. Adjournment.

Jim Jinks motioned to adjourn, and David Veleber seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Attest:

Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist