

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026, AT 12:00 P.M., ROOM 207,
84 SOUTH MAIN ST.**

Present: Diane Calabro, Ron Gagliardi, Ray Bennett

Staff/Guests: Mitzi Romano- President of Cheshire Historical Society, Breina Schain – Cheshire Trail Trekkers, Logan Kranyak- Summer Intern, Andrew Martelli - Assistant Town Manager, Kely Grimshaw - Daughters of the American Revolution, Ron Kochman - Cheshire Today, John Gawlak - Director of Public Works, Dan Bombero - Director of Public Works, Tim Wilson – Democratic Town Committee

1. ROLL CALL.

The Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm and a full quorum of the Committee was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Pledge was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9TH 2026.

The meeting minutes of June 9th were approved by the Committee with the correction of Manger to Manager. Motion by Ray Bennett and seconded by Ron Gagliardi with all voting in favor.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Graphic History Project.

There is a display at the Library encouraging everyone to get involved. Diane continues to solicit additional drawings of the Cheshire Cat for the Graphic History Project.

b. Bartlem Park July 4, 2026, Event Logistics.

Ray stated that things are falling into place. Ray has met with various members of the community soliciting donations for the event and to be part of the graphic history project.

The Patriotic Promenade will be installed today. DPW has been assisting Mr. Bennett to install the banners around the Great Lawn at Bartlem Park. Signs will be up from the 1st to the 15th with the four CT signers advertised on the Stage – DPW will begin to assist tomorrow at 8am. Various tents will be setup around the great lawn and provided by the Bennetts. No stakes are permitted on the grass. Tim Wilson presented the idea of having a tent and table with the declaration of independence available to be signed.

The group will be meeting at 8am on July 4th for setup. The Public Gathering Permit has been approved and Andrew Martelli will be bringing plenty of water for the event. Peter Talbot will be giving welcoming and closing remarks and the time-capsule will be opened at 11:30am.

The Committee thanked the Bennett family for all of their hard work on putting together the program for the event.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

There will be a wrap up meeting on July 14th.

6. ALL OTHER BUSINESS.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ray Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Diane Calabro seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Attest:



Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager