

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL ROOM 207, 84 SOUTH MAIN
ST., CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

Present:

Lou Todisco, Jim Jinks, David Veleber

Staff/Guests: Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager; Joe Dattilo, Historic District Commission Chair; Mike Durkee, Deputy Police Chief; Don Miller, Police Captain; Attorney Lou Dagostine

Absent: N/A

Lou Todisco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Devlin, 61 Lanyon Drive, expressed concern over language in the first paragraph of the draft. She suggested that the notice on the public hearing should include a link to the draft ordinance.

Karen Schnitzer, 18 Currier Place, expressed concern about E-bikes on the trails.

IV. DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE DRAFT (NEW) – *REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION.*

Lou Todisco motioned to accept the draft Demolition Delay Ordinance and forward it to the Town Council to call for a public hearing.

All in favor, the motion passed unanimously by those present, 2-0. David Veleber was absent for the vote.

The Committee reordered elements of the draft public hearing notice that will be mailed out to property owners that this proposed ordinance would apply to.

**V. REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT
OPTIONS RE: ATV USE, DIRTBIKE USE, AND STREET TAKEOVERS.**

The Committee reviewed draft ordinance language provided by Town Attorney Donofrio.

Lou Todisco explained that he feels the second paragraph is three different categories. He also expressed concern over the word “misuse.”

Lou Todisco brought up the possibility of including intent articles. David Veleber arrived to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion was had on the different types of E-bikes. The Committee reviewed the proposed penalties. Discussion was also had on the appeals hearing and what the process for this would be.

The Committee inquired as to the difference between “observing” and “actually observing.”

Jim Jinks asked if “town-owned open spaces” should be included in the list of public properties.

David Veleber suggested including “cars” explicitly in the ordinance even though it is covered by State statute to make it clearer.

Discussion was had on whether to include E-bikes in the draft ordinance or consider an amendment to the Parks and Recreation ordinance.

Lou Todisco requested that the draft ordinance be forwarded to the Public Safety Commission for their review. He mentioned that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet again next month on this topic.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

David Veleber motioned to adjourn, and Jim Jinks seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously by those present, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Attest:

Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist