**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207/209, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST., CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

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Present:
Peter Talbot, Jim Jinks, Deb Manke, Lou Todisco, Fiona Pearson, David Borowy, Greg Wolff, Don Walsh, Tricia Cramer

Staff/Guests: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager; Finance Director James Jaskot, Emily Taylor, Cheshire Public Schools Chief Operating Officer

Absent: N/A

1. **Roll Call.**

Peter Talbot called the second meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Pledge was recited.

3. **Public comment.**

None.

4. **Adoption of Referendum Projects for FY 2026-2027 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget and Call for Referendum.**

Fiona Pearson motioned:

**Resolution #090126-1**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $1,100,000 FOR A REPLACEMENT SALT SHED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $1,100,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Cheshire appropriate ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,100,000) for costs related to the installation of a modern, pre-engineered replacement salt shed at the Public Works Garage, as set forth in the 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure Plan. The appropriation may be spent for removal, acquisition, installation and construction, site and related improvements, design, engineering, consultant and legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,100,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,100,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign the bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amount, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more bank or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(g) That the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Town Council, the building committee or committees as established from time-to-time by the Town Council for the project, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project, to apply for and accept grants for the project, and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(h) This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote at a duly warned referendum pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $1,100,000 FOR A REPLACEMENT SALT SHED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $1,100,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" adopted by the Town Council on September 1, 2026 be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the questions to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall the Town of Cheshire appropriate $1,100,000 for a replacement salt shed at the Public Works Garage and authorize the issue of $1,100,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of such bonds and notes to be reduced by the amount of project grants received?"

Voters approving said resolution will vote “Yes” and voters opposing said resolutions will vote “No”. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid bond resolution is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on each of the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Charter of the Town of Cheshire, and that absentee ballots will be available in the office of the Town Clerk.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolutions, such text shall include an estimate of the average annual taxpayer impact of the costs of financing said appropriation, and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolutions, such texts and explanatory materials shall include to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The motion was seconded by Don Walsh. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Fiona Pearson motioned:

**Resolution #090126-2**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $2,350,000 FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $2,350,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Cheshire appropriate TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,350,000) for costs related to the road improvement program, as set forth in the 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure Plan, including but not limited to road treatments such as restoration, milling and paving, chip seal, micro-seal, crack seal and other surface treatments. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, equipment and materials, engineering, demolition and removal of materials, consultant and legal fees, related improvements, repairs or renovations, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,350,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,350,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The

Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign the bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amount, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more bank or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(g) That the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Town Council, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project, to apply for and accept grants for the project, and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(h) This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote at a duly warned referendum pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $2,350,000 FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $2,350,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" adopted by the Town Council on September 1, 2026 be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the questions to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall the Town of Cheshire appropriate $2,350,000 for the Road Improvement Program and authorize the issue of $2,350,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of such bonds and notes to be reduced by the amount of project grants received?"

Voters approving said resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing said resolutions will vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid bond resolution is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on each of the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Charter of the Town of Cheshire, and that absentee ballots will be available in the office of the Town Clerk.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolutions, such text shall include an estimate of the average annual taxpayer impact of the costs of financing said appropriation, and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolutions, such texts and explanatory materials shall include to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The motion was seconded by Don Walsh. Fiona Pearson expressed that the long-term plan should be to move this funding to the operating budget. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Fiona Pearson motioned:

**Resolution #090126-3**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $1,375,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION OF DICKERMAN ROAD; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $1,375,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Cheshire appropriate ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,375,000) for costs related to the reconstruction of Dickerman Road, as set forth in the 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure Plan. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, equipment and materials, engineering, consultant and legal fees, related improvements, repairs or renovations, removal of materials, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,375,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,375,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign the bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amount, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more bank or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds

or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.
(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.
(f) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.
(g) That the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Town Council, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project, to apply for and accept grants for the project, and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.
(h) This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote at a duly warned referendum pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter.
FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $1,375,000 FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION OF DICKERMAN ROAD; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $1,375,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" adopted by the Town Council on September 1, 2026 be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the questions to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall the Town of Cheshire appropriate $1,375,000 for road reconstruction of Dickerman Road and authorize the issue of $1,375,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of such bonds and notes to be reduced by the amount of project grants received?"

Voters approving said resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing said resolutions will vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid bond resolution is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on each of the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Charter of the Town of Cheshire, and that absentee ballots will be available in the office of the Town Clerk.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolutions, such text shall include an estimate of the average annual taxpayer impact of the costs of financing said appropriation, and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolutions, such texts and explanatory materials shall include to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The motion was seconded by Don Walsh. The motion passed 8-1, Tricia Cramer opposed.

Fiona Pearson motioned:

**Resolution #090126-4**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $1,000,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL, OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION, EDUCATIONAL AND/OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Cheshire appropriate ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000) for costs related to the acquisition of land to be used for recreational, open space, conservation, educational and/or municipal purposes, as set forth in the 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure Plan. The appropriation may be spent for inspection, appraisal, acquisition and legal costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign the bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amount, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more bank or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of

interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.
(f) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.
(g) That the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Town Council, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project, to apply for and accept grants for the project, and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.
(h) This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote at a duly warned referendum pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $1,000,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL, OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION, EDUCATIONAL AND/OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" adopted by the Town Council on September 1, 2026 be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the questions to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall the Town of Cheshire appropriate $1,000,000 for acquisition of land for recreational, open space, conservation, educational and/or municipal purposes and authorize the issue of $1,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of such bonds and notes to be reduced by the amount of project grants received?

Voters approving said resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing said resolutions will vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid bond resolution is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on each of the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Charter of the Town of Cheshire, and that absentee ballots will be available in the office of the Town Clerk.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolutions, such text shall include an estimate of the average annual taxpayer impact of the costs of financing said appropriation, and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolutions, such texts and explanatory materials shall include to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The motion was seconded by Don Walsh. Jim Jinks explained that the wording allows for additional purposes down the line. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Fiona Pearson motioned:

**Resolution #090126-5**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $875,000 FOR SAFETY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOADING DOCK AREA AT CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $875,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Cheshire appropriate EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($875,000) for costs related to safety and drainage improvements to the loading dock area at Cheshire High School, as set forth in 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure Plan, including, but not limited to, reconstruction of the loading dock, stormwater system improvements, parking lot reconfiguration and post-design underground utility and geotechnical surveys. The appropriation may be spent for planning and design, construction, demolition and removal of existing materials, installation, equipment and materials, engineering, paving, site improvements, consultant and legal fees, related improvements, repairs or renovations, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($875,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 and 10-289 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($875,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) The Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign the bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amount, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more bank or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) That the Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.
(g) That the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Town Council, the building committee or committees as established from time-to-time by the Town Council for the project, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project, to apply for and accept grants for the project, and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.
(h) This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote at a duly warned referendum pursuant to Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Town Charter.
FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $875,000 FOR SAFETY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOADING DOCK AREA AT CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF $875,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" adopted by the Town Council on September 1, 2026 be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum on November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the questions to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall the Town of Cheshire appropriate $875,000 for safety and drainage improvements to the loading dock area at Cheshire High School and authorize the issue of $875,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of such bonds and notes to be reduced by the amount of project grants received?"

Voters approving said resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing said resolutions will vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid bond resolution is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on each of the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Sections 7-3 and 7-4 of the Charter of the Town of Cheshire, and that absentee ballots will be available in the office of the Town Clerk.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolutions, such text shall include an estimate of the average annual taxpayer impact of the costs of financing said appropriation, and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolutions, such texts and explanatory materials shall include to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The motion was seconded by Don Walsh. Don Walsh expressed concern that the question does not include the parking lot work that would be a part of this. David Borowy inquired to the reason the loading dock needs to be expanded to 1600 square feet. Don Walsh mentioned that the contingency listed appeals to be 15 rather than 10 percent. He expressed that he cannot support including this item on the referendum at this time as there are too many unanswered questions.

Tricia Cramer expressed her concern about safety. Discussion was had on inspections. Fiona Pearson motioned to amend the question to include the drainage improvements at the high school parking lot, and Don Walsh seconded the motion. Discussion was had on changing scope for the project, which Emily Taylor explained would require paying for additional plans and design work. Tricia Cramer clarified with Emily Taylor that doing the loading dock and parking lot at the same time would result in cost savings overall, which she confirmed. Emily Taylor explained that the timing for the work to be done would be Summer 2027.

The amended motion passed 5-4: Greg Wolff, Tricia Cramer, Fiona Pearson, Peter Talbot, Deb Manke in favor; Jim Jinks, Don Walsh, Lou Todisco, and David Borowy opposed. Fiona motioned to direct to draft any language needed for amendment of the inclusion of drainage improvements, and Don Walsh seconded. All in favor, the motion passed, 9-0. The Councilors requested getting a Structural Engineer to review the loading dock prior to the referendum.

5. **Discussion of Remaining Capital Projects on the Proposed FY 2026-2027 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget and Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan.**

Peter Talbot requested that the Management Specialist send out a poll with September dates to the Councilors for potential capital budget meetings.

6. **Adjournment.**

Jim Jinks motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Fiona Pearson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously, 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist