TOWN OF CHESHIRE

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2022

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person at 191 Church Street (Cheshire Elementary School) on Tuesday October 18, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Michelle Francesconi, Chair
Shawn McGrath, Vice Chair
Jason Levesque
Ray Killeen
Ron DeAngelis

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Lynn Melchiori; Peter Traub; Mark Biagini; I Berkshires.

Michelle Francesconi called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – October 4, 2022
Warrants - PR23-08-; AP23-09
State Election Warrant
Approval for the Police Chief to appoint officers to work the State Election on November 8, 2022.
Facilities Use Form- Cheshire Community Association – Tag Sale 5/6/23 Elementary School
Appointment – Northern Berkshire Cultural Council - Becky Ahamad

The Town Administrator noted that the Street Logix bill was pulled from the warrant, this is for highway software that is currently not being utilized. She reported that a meeting is set up with the company and the superintendent next week and she will report back to the board after the meeting to determine if the program is something the town should continue with.

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by R. DeAngelis to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis- Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; S. McGrath- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi - Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Discussion/Decision Items

Renaming of the Cheshire Elementary School - M. Francesconi explained that when the building was originally dedicated in 1923 it was named the Cheshire School and Community House and a proposal was brought forth to revert to the name. She shared that she looked up the meaning of community house which stated 'a center

consisting often of a single building for a community's social, cultural, recreational, and civic activities. R. Killen felt it is important to get community buy in and it was decided to seek community input on the change.

Facilities Use Forms - Discussion on the use of the Community Center and concerns from the Council on Aging regarding the use of the kitchen during rentals. M. Francesconi shared that she had been approached with flu/COVID and sanitation concerns for the seniors. Peter Traub inquired why the Board of Selectmen is using forms to approve the utilization of the center. J. Morse explained that it is important, so scheduling conflicts do not happen and that insurance requirements are being met. There was discussion about increasing the fee from $75 to $100 and requesting a deposit of $200 in case of damages. After discussion it was determined that the Facilities Use Forms will be revised with the kitchen being closed to outside rentals.
A motion was made by J. Levesque and seconded by M. Francesconi to allow rentals at the Senior Center with no kitchen use.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis- Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; S. McGrath- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi - Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Hoosac Valley Trunk or Treat - The Cheshire Police Department will be participating and possibly the Fire Department. Members of the board will try to attend based on their individual schedules.

Town Administrator Updates
Wells Road/Stafford Hill/Route 116 - A written complaint from a resident was received regarding the intersection at Wells Road, Stafford Hill, and Route 116. J. Morse shared that the next day she was witness to a car turning off Wells onto Stafford Green with a near collision. The Highway Superintendent and Police were consulted, and lines will be painted in the intersection and dangerous intersection signs are on order. To make any changes the intersection would need to be engineered.

Hoosac Valley Regional School District Meeting- Superintendent Dean reached out to have a meeting about October 1 enrollment numbers, the introduction of the Family & Community Engagement Liaison and added was preliminary FY24 budget discussion. He will be attending the meeting on November 1st.

Radio Update - The bid will be withdrawn for new Fire Department radios after notification that dispatch is moving to the state 800 system by the end of 2023. The current proposed radios would be obsolete. There is a possibility that grant funds may become available for towns. A new quote for the multi ban radios is being sought for the Police and Fire Department.

Employee Evaluations - To date Council on Aging, Highway and Police Department. Department heads are handling staff evaluations, but the Town Administration inquired on how department head evaluations would be handled. After discussion it was decided that two members of the board will join the Town Administrator to conduct evaluations and the Town Administrator Evaluation will be done in open session.

Building Department - There has been one resume received for the position of Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer and he will be joining the board on November 1st. In the three weeks that the interim commissioner has been in place there have been zero complaints at Town Hall.

Leland Park - Town Counsel shared the opinion that to determine the ownership of the driveway at the back of Lealand Park a survey would need to be conducted.

Sandmill Bridge - The Town Administrator met with the Right of Way department of Mass DOT regarding the Sandmill Bridge project, and the next step is for the town to adopt the layout of the road at a Special Town

Meeting. After that the 75% design can be completed at which time the town will have to contract to do appraisals for the temporary and permanent easements in time for Annual Town Meeting.

Announcements from Board Members

J. Levesque wants to have a plan for spring to ensure that roadside mowing and grading is being done in a timely manner as every year there is a large spring gap due to vacations. Discussion regarding having other highway employees learn to use the grader and hours lost by working a 4 ½ day work week instead of 5 days. The Town Administrator will speak with the Highway Superintendent regarding equipment training.

M. Francesconi stated that the Pickleball fence will need to be redone in the spring.

Public Comments

Peter Traub inquired further on the use of the senior center for meetings, and it was explained that the intent is to move all meetings to the Elementary School. The Town Administrator shared again that the forms are useful and that she and the CoA Director work very well together in order not to overbook however just recently the center is being used on Tuesday nights and that was not known by Town Hall.

Adjourn

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by J. Levesque to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis- Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; S. McGrath- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi - Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Morse
October 27, 2022

Document List

1. Agenda – October 18, 2022
2. Draft Minutes- October 4, 2022
3. State Election Warrant
4. Cheshire Community Assoc. Facilities Use Form – May 6, 2023
5. Adelt – Facilities Use Form – October 22, 2022
6. Figueroa – Facilities Use Form – November 27, 2022
7. Trunk or Treat events
8. Highway Report

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Board of Selectmen

Meeting Agenda – October 18, 2022
6:30 PM

Cheshire Elementary School

1. *Open Regular Meeting, Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance*
2. *Consent Agenda*

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3. *Board of Selectmen Discussion/Decision Items*
   - ***a.*** *Renaming the Cheshire Elementary School*
   - ***b.*** *Facilities Use Form –Adelt Baby Shower, 10/22/22, Senior Center/Center for Active Living*
   - ***c.*** *Facilities Use Form - Figeroa Wedding Reception, 11/27/22, Senior Center/Center for Active Living*
   - ***d.*** *Hoosac Valley Trunk or Treat Event*
4. *Town Administrator Updates*
   - ***a.*** *Wells Road/Stafford Hill Road Intersection*
   - ***b.*** *Radio Update*
5. *Announcements from Board Members*
6. *Public Comment*
7. *Any other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting*

Submitted by: Jennifer Morse – Town Administrator Posted: 10/13/22 at 2:45 p.m.

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Board of Selectmen Members Present: Michelle Francesconi, Chair
Shawn McGrath, Vice Chair
Jason Levesque
Ray Killeen (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)
Ron DeAngelis

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Sonia DeSanti, Youth Center Director; Jennifer DeGrenier, Youth Center Board of Directors; Jess Girard, Youth Center Board of Directors, IBerkshires; Lynn Melchiori, Shirley Nye, Peter Armstrong, Robert Navin, Highway Superintendent.

Michelle Francesconi called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:30 p.m.

• Vote to enter into executive session with the Youth Center to discuss lease amendment	4-0
• Vote to approve lease amendment in open session	4-0
• Vote to approve the Route 116 Guardrail Contract with Premier Fence	5-0
• Vote to have Halloween on October 31, 2022 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.	5-0
• Vote to utilize ARPA funds in the amount of $5,500 for Leland Park concrete work	5-0
• Vote to appoint an advisory committee to work on Special projects on town owned property	5-0
• Vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.	5-0

Executive Session- Youth Center Lease

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by J. Levesque to enter Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. Under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), Reason 6 to consider the purchase, exchange lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 4-0

Re-Entered into regular session at 6:36 p.m. In attendance from the Youth Center was Sonia DeSanti, Director and Jennifer DeGrenier and Jess Girard, Board Members.

Youth Center Building Project Discussion and Possible Vote on Lease Amendment
A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by R. DeAngelis to approve the amendment with a payment amount of $2300 per month through October 15, 2023.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 4-0

Youth Center Building Projects - Sonia shared a grant funding opportunity for a new heating/cooling system stating that she is working with the Facilities Manager to get the necessary quotes and will need information from the town to apply for the funding. The deadline for the application is December 8, 2022, and the Town Administrator will work with the Youth Center to provide the documentation needed.

Highway Department Meeting regarding Fall/Winter/Spring Projects
Highway Superintendent Robert Navin joined the board to discuss ongoing projects. He started with a recap of the progress made since the department head meeting six weeks ago; Shadowland Cove is done, fall grading is ongoing including the lake roads and winter preperations. J. Levesque inquired if Shadowland Cove would need additional berms or drainage, according to the Superintendent milling were added and the catch basin was cleaned.

This fall the highway department will be providing traffic assistance for the Crack Sealing to begin in mid-October, Guardrails on Route 116, repatching in areas of town that need attention including Route 116. The Superintendent will be using no more than 30 tons of material to address the lower section of Route 116. R. DeAngelis is not in favor of d shimming route 116 that the work should be done with a large paver noting that Notch Road is bumpier now than before it was done this summer, further he felt like it is a waste of material and town funds by doing the job incorrectly. The remainder of the board members did not object to the plan if no more than 30 tons of material were used.

The conversation turned to spring projects with the Highway Superintendent sharing that everything is in question not knowing the status of two STRAP grant applications for Ingalls Road and Route 116 Other possible spring projects include West Mountain Road/Greylock Road – 1.1 miles, mill and fill. Stafford Hill Road – 1.25 miles mil and fill and Henry Wood Road - .5 miles, mill and fill. The Town Administrator stressed the importance of spring projects be bid with the group purchasing program to minimize bid and reimbursement paperwork.

The Highway Superintendent talked about the Hazard Mitigation grant opportunities sharing that he and the Town Administrator had proposed two options for funding to BRPC including engineering on Route 116 to complete the phased approach and Emergency Shelter support. The Town Administrator shared that she had put the embankment on Wells Road on the list as well, R. DeAngelis noted that it is still moving and needs to be addressed.

J. Levesque asked about Stafford Hill Road being widened in the dirt sections for safety reasons (children on bikes). The Town Administrator shared besides member Levesque another concerned resident came forward. The Superintendent stated that he has spoken with the Police Chief who stated that there have been no collisions due to the width of the road and that he is concerned that widening would increase the speed on the road. The Highway Superintendent said it is a huge undertaking with the amount of ledge in the roadway. R. DeAngelis stated that a hoe ram could be brought in, and Stafford Hill and Ingalls Road could be addressed at the same time. The highway superintendent will get pricing for rental of equipment and will reach out to contractors to quote a price for the work. The Town Administrator asked if there are any Children at Play signs in the neighborhood after M. Francesconi noted the number of new homes with small children on the road.

Board of Selectmen Discussion/Decision Items

Route 116- 20 Pleasant View Drive Drainage Complaint - M. Francesconi asked all members if they had a chance to look at the work done by the highway department under the guardrails near Pleasant View Dr. Discussion on the drainage issues and the acknowledgement that the work done was not excessive just overdue maintenance. It was noted that the area in question is designated as a wetland and surveyed to be such. Residents, Mr. Armstrong, and Mrs. Nye asked questions regarding drainage around 630 Savoy Road. The highway superintendent stated that catch basins were cleaned last week and he would make an appointment with residents to see about cleaning of swales. There was discussion about opening the rest of the guardrails on Route 116. Mr. Armstrong shared that large trucks travel the road very fast and that the breaks often wake them as early as 4:30 a.m. The Town Administrator shared the concerns with the police department previously and will bring it up again.

Route 116 Guardrail contract with Premier Fence

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by S. McGrath to approve the contract for guardrail replacement with Premier Fence the low bidder at $95,000.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen - Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by S. McGrath to approve the consent agenda except for the request from the Cheshire Community Association for the use of the Community Center for a tag sale in the spring.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen - Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Discussion ensued regarding the Cheshire Community Association application; the town administrator read the email from the applicant after suggesting the use of the school. The board is looking to have larger community events at the school and requested that the town administrator reach out for explanation and to add the renaming of the school to the next agenda. Discussion on the Community Center becoming the Senior Center/Center for Active Living and the school becoming town offices and a community space.

Discussion/Decision Items

Halloween- A *motion was made by J. Levesque and seconded by M. Francesconi to hold Halloween on October 31, 2022, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.*

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen - Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Cell Tower /Resident Concerns- A copy of the decision was in the packet and has been forwarded to the concerned citizen. The town administrator is attempting to contact the company to find out what work is currently being done on the tower. It was noted that there is no order in the decision regarding the number of providers allowed on the tower.

Leland Park Update - M. Francesconi shared that the initiative committee has voted to offset the cost of the concrete work by paying the difference between brushed concrete and the stamped concrete

A motion was made by R. DeAngelis and seconded by S. McGrath to utilize ARPA funds to pay for the brushed concrete in the amount of $5,500.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen - Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

M. Francesconi mentioned that she had asked Barry Emery to hold off on the plaque discussion until spring, members of the board were provided with information in the packet.
Discussion on the need to have better plan for town owned property projects moving forward. The town administrator suggested a separate board appointed committee that would act as an advisory committee, with donation funds for special projects going into a special revenue account.
A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by S. McGrath to appoint an advisory committee (title to be determined) to work on special projects on town owned property with donated funds going to special revenue account.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen - Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Town Administrator Updates
The Town administrator shared that she had met with staff from BRPC and the Facilities Manager to discuss next steps in the school and fire station building projects. BRPC staff noted that since the engineering report has been conducted the next step is to complete a phase 2 environmental study of the Fire Station the estimated cost is $30K. For the school they suggested an estimate for the roof repair and mold remediation. The Facilities Manger met with GEM Environmental regarding the mold issues and they will be providing an estimate however an asbestos testing needs to be conducted. BRPC staff is searching for grant opportunities for the town and is currently providing the advice to the town at no charge for a total of seven hours.

Announcements from Board members
J. Levesque suggested that the town look into selling the small lot on Shadowland Cove, the town administrator will report back on the parcel and procurement policies.

R. Killeen s working with the ethics commission to determine if he can serve as representative to the BRTA.

S. McGrath noted that the town had received a transportation reimbursement the Northern Berkshire Vocation School District and inquired if the Hoosac Valley School District would consider the same.

S. McGrath stated that there is a beaver issue at the lake dam, the debris was removed once and now the dam committee is working with DCR and DCAMM to determine best steps to take care of the problem long term

Adjournment
A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by J. Levesque to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen - Yes, S. McGrath – Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted.
Jennifer Morse
October 12, 2022

Document List:
- Agenda – October 4, 2022
- Draft Lease Amendment – Youth Center
- Highway Report – September 30, 2022
- Minutes – September 8, 2022
- Minutes – September 20, 2022

- Minutes- September 27, 2022
- Facilities Request Form – Community Book Club – Senior Center
- Facilities Request Form – Cheshire Community Assoc. – Senior Center
- Notice of Decision – Clairmont/New Cingular Wireless Cell Tower
- Route 116 Survey
- Draft ACO Agreement with Adams
- Route 116 Guardrail replacement contract with Premier Fence
- Draft Budget Timeline
- Violation Notice – 750 South State Road
- NBVRSD notice of transportation reimbursement

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2022 STATE ELECTION

SS.
To the Constables of the Town of Cheshire

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

CHESHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

191 CHURCH STREET

On **TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	FIRST DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	BERKSHIRE, HAMDEN, FRANKLIN, HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	FIRST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	BERKSHIRE DISTRICT
SHERIFF	BERKSHIRE COUNTY

QUESTION 1: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on June 12, 2019 (yeas 147 – nays 48); and again on June 9, 2021 (yeas 159 – nays 41)?

SUMMARY

This proposed constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4% state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of $1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

A YES VOTE would amend the state Constitution to impose an additional 4% tax on that portion of incomes over one million dollars to be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, on education and transportation.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state Constitution relative to income tax.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would direct the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. The medical loss ratio would measure the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members' dental expenses and quality improvements, as opposed to administrative expenses. If a carrier's annual aggregate medical loss ratio

is less than 83 percent, the carrier would be required to refund the excess premiums to its covered individuals and groups. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to waive or adjust the refunds only if it is determined that issuing refunds would result in financial impairment for the carrier.

The proposed law would apply to dental benefit plans regardless of whether they are issued directly by a carrier, through the connector, or through an intermediary. The proposed law would not apply to dental benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed to a self-insured group or where the carrier is acting as a third-party administrator.

The proposed law would require the carriers offering dental benefit plans to submit information about their current and projected medical loss ratio, administrative expenses, and other financial information to the Commissioner. Each carrier would be required to submit an annual comprehensive financial statement to the Division of Insurance, itemized by market group size and line of business. A carrier that also provides administrative services to one or more self-insured groups would also be required to file an appendix to their annual financial statement with information about its self-insured business. The proposed law would impose a late penalty on a carrier that does not file its annual report on or before April 1.

The Division would be required to make the submitted data public, to issue an annual summary to certain legislative committees, and to exchange the data with the Health Policy Commission. The Commissioner would be required to adopt standards requiring the registration of persons or entities not otherwise licensed or registered by the Commissioner and criteria for the standardized reporting and uniform allocation methodologies among carriers.

The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to approve dental benefit policies for the purpose of being offered to individuals or groups. The Commissioner would be required to adopt regulations to determine eligibility criteria.

The proposed law would require carriers to file group product base rates and any changes to group rating factors that are to be effective on January 1 of each year on or before July 1 of the preceding year. The Commissioner would be required to disapprove any proposed changes to base rates that are excessive, inadequate, or unreasonable in relation to the benefits charged. The Commissioner would also be required to disapprove any change to group rating factors that is discriminatory or not actuarially sound.

The proposed law sets forth criteria that, if met, would require the Commissioner to presumptively disapprove a carrier's rate, including if the aggregate medical loss ratio for all dental benefit plans offered by a carrier is less than 83 percent.

The proposed law would establish procedures to be followed if a proposed rate is presumptively disapproved or if the Commissioner disapproves a rate.

The proposed law would require the Division to hold a hearing if a carrier reports a risk-based capital ratio on a combined entity basis that exceeds 700 percent in its annual report.

The proposed law would require the Commissioner to promulgate regulations consistent with its provisions by October 1, 2023. The proposed law would apply to all dental benefit plans issued, made effective, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.

A YES VOTE would regulate dental insurance rates, including by requiring companies to spend at least 83% of premiums on member dental expenses and quality improvements instead of administrative expenses, and by making other changes to dental insurance regulations.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the regulations that apply to dental insurance companies.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for "all alcoholic beverages" and for "wines and malt beverages") that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031.

Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of "all alcoholic beverages" licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses.

The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers.

The proposed law would alter the calculation of the fine that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission may accept in lieu of suspending any license issued under the State Liquor Control Act. The proposed law would modify the formula for calculating such fee from being based on the gross profits on the sale of alcoholic beverages to being based on the gross profits on all retail sales.

The proposed law would also add out-of-state motor vehicle licenses to the list of the forms of identification that any holder of a license issued under the State Liquor Control Act, or their agent or employee, may choose to reasonably rely on for proof of a person's identity and age.

A YES VOTE would increase the number of licenses a retailer could have for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises, limit the number of "all-alcoholic beverages" licenses that a retailer could acquire, restrict use of self-checkout, and require retailers to accept customers' out-of-state identification.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.

QUESTION 4: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2022?

SUMMARY

This law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a standard driver's license or learner's permit if they meet all the other qualifications for a standard license or learner's permit, including a road test and insurance, and provide proof of their identity, date of birth, and residency. The law provides that, when processing an application for such a license or learner's permit or motor vehicle registration, the registrar of motor vehicles may not ask about or create a record of the citizenship or immigration status of the applicant, except as otherwise required by law. This law does not allow people who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a REAL ID.

To prove identity and date of birth, the law requires an applicant to present at least two documents, one from each of the following categories: (1) a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired Consular Identification document; and (2) a valid unexpired driver's license from any United States state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card, a valid unexpired foreign driver's license, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by any state or territory of the United States. One of the documents presented by an applicant must include a photograph and one must include a date of birth. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. The registrar may review any documents issued by another country to determine whether they may be used as proof of identity or date of birth.

The law requires that applicants for a driver's license or learner's permit shall attest, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that their license has not been suspended or revoked in any other state, country, or jurisdiction.

The law specifies that information provided by or relating to any applicant or license-holder will not be a public record and shall not be disclosed, except as required by federal law or as authorized by Attorney General regulations, and except for purposes of motor vehicle insurance.

The law directs the registrar of motor vehicles to make regulations regarding the documents required of United States citizens and others who provide proof of lawful presence with their license application.

The law also requires the registrar and the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish procedures and regulations to ensure that an applicant for a standard driver's license or learner's permit who does not provide proof of lawful presence will not be automatically registered to vote.

The law takes effect on July 1, 2023.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which would allow Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver's license or permit if they meet the other requirements for doing so.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of October , 2022.

Michelle Francesconi _____

Ronald DeAngelis _____

Raymond Killeen _____

Jason Levesque _____

Shawn McGrath _____

Selectmen of: Cheshire

POSTED: Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Cheshire Police Department, Cheshire Community/Senior Center, Cheshire Post Office Adams Community Bank

_____ _____, 2022.
Constable

Warrant must be posted by **November 1, 2022** (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 8, 2022** State Election).

From: Michelle Francesconi
To: Jennifer Morse
Subject: Fwd: Trunk or Treat
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 9:07:24 AM
Attachments: image (1).png

They are looking to see if the Town will host a trunk. I'll mention it on Tuesday. I already responded to Erica as well.

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From: Erica Girgenti <egirgenti@hoosacvalley.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 3:05:18 PM
To: Michelle Francesconi <mfrancesconi@cheshire-ma.gov>
Subject: Trunk or Treat

Hello Michelle-

I wanted to extend an invitation for the Town of Cheshire to be present at our communities Trunk or Treat. We have an event at both the middle and elementary school, you'd be invited to both.

Last year our Trunk or Treat was so successful at the Elementary school that our Title I team wanted to extend it to the Middle School for those families. In addition, our High School is coordinating a Haunted Halls of Hoosac to coincide with it for the middle schoolers.

If your municipality would like to be present, we'd welcome you, I'd ask you to RSVP to myself and ldelmolino@hoosacvalley.org

I am looking for a contact too for your Fire Department if you have one you could share.

Much appreciated, hoping to have some of the friendly Cheshire reps there with a festive trunk! see our flyers attached.

Best,
Erica

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HOOSAC VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

OCTOBER 26TH

TRUNK OR TREAT
5:00-6:00

FREE ENTRY

TREATS, MUSIC,

PRIZE FOR MOST CREATIVE TRUNK!

COSTUMES OPTIONAL

COORDINATED BY:

TITLE I

HAUNTED HALLS OF HOOSAC
5:30-7:00

SUGGESTED $5 DONATION TO SUPPORT THE BERKSHIRE COALITON FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

COORDINATED BY:

HVHS LEARNING LAB

Hoosac Valley Elementary School's 2nd Annual

TRUNK OR TREAT

27 OCT 2022 | **FREE ENTRY 5:00-6:00 PM**

TREATS, MUSIC, PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME & MOST CREATIVE TRUNK + MORE!

On the HVES basketball courts
A formal invitation will follow!

Event sponsored by HVES, Title I and HVES PTG

Highway report 10-14-22

Work at 590 Savoy Rd was done, catch basin in front yard cleaned and outlet pipe ditch cleaned out, hopefully helps with some of water issues,

30 ton of hot mix was put down on Savoy Rd in worst spots coming off new pavement to try and hold together for winter so we don't repeat last years hazards.

Other patching was done on Fisk, Reservoir, East View, Danials Terrace, Fisk and School st.

In prepping for work on Police station we excavated side of building, will be filled back in and patched when contractor water profs building.

Still have a ways to go but have been able to get a few of trucks winter ready in case early storm hits us.

Update on fall project time tables, Crack sealing is scheduled to start Tues, Oct. 18th.

Guard rail replacement for Savoy rd looking at early to mid Dec.

Engineering on Savoy rd scheduled for Nov 14-18.

Respectfully submitted

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Highway Superintendent