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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes –June 10, 2025

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 Community House) on Tuesday June 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Whitney Flynn; Peter Traub; Barbara Astornio and Kellie Lahey (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Board of Assessors; Roger LaChance (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

S. McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Discussion/Decision Items

- **Vote to hold Special Election August 4, 2025 and submit ballot questions to the Town Clerk**
  S. McGrath suggested August 4, 2025 as the date for the Special Election to vote on the debt exclusion of the Police Cruiser and the uncombining of the Treasurer and Collector positions according to GL c. 59, Section 21C(K). S. McGrath then read the questions aloud.

  Shall the Town of Cheshire be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to purchase a new police cruiser?

  Shall the Town of Cheshire vote to uncombine the position of Treasurer/Collector into two separate positions, Treasurer and Collector?

  A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by J. Levesque to set the Special Election date for the Police Cruiser Debt Exclusion and Treasurer Collector positions as stated and submit the ballot questions to the Town Clerk.
  Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen- Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; S. McGrath – Yes
  Motion Carries: 5-0

- **Board of Assessors Appointment – Frank Hobart**
  Mr. Hobart expressed interest in being appointed to the Board of Assessors and submitted a Volunteer Interest Form. The open position has been posted to the Volunteer page of the website. The Assessors were notified and asked for comment, none was received as of the meeting.
  A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by J. Levesque to appoint Frank Hobart to the Board of Assessors until the next town election.
  Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen- Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; S. McGrath – Yes
  Motion Carries: 5-0

- **Planning Board Alternate Appointment – William Moreau**
  Mr. Moreau submitted a Volunteer Interest Form for the alternate position on the Planning Board. He also obtained write-in votes at the town election and is recommended by Planning Board members.
  A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by J. Levesque to appoint William Moreau as an alternate to the Planning Board.
  Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen- Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; S. McGrath – Yes
  Motion Carries: 5-0

Consent Agenda

- Minutes – May 20, 2025 and May 27, 2025
- Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by J. Levesque to approve the consent agenda with the edits to the minutes.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen- Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; J. Levesque – Yes; S. McGrath – Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Town Administrator Updates

- Cheshire Rod and Gun Club contacted the office for a last-minute liquor license for June 13, 2025.
  A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by R. DeAngelis to approve the liquor license for the Cheshire Rod and Gun Club.
  Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen- Yes; M. Francesconi- Yes; J. Levesque – Abstain; S. McGrath – Abstain
  Motion Carries: 3-0-2

  Municipal Utility RFP Pricing - It was shared that the municipal aggregation group went out to bid as discussed and the lowest bidder is First Point Power, LLC with a rate of .013750 for 36 months. This is a different provider, current customers will be switched automatically to the new provider prior to November 2025. Residents will be notified via mail and information will be put out on the website closer to the transition.

- **Small Bridge Grant** - A grant was awarded in the amount of $500,000 for the construction of the West Mountain Road bridge. One abutter has refused to sign the right of way and NOI needed to

move forward with the project. The Town Administrator will consult with the town attorney on a temporary easement after July 1st.

Announcements
Discussion on the low turnout for Town meeting with approximately ninety voters in attendance.

Public Comment
Roger LaChance property owner on Notch Road introduced himself and his partner to the board. There was discussion about business growth and expansion and general discussion about the Town of Cheshire economics.

Adjournment
A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by J. Levesque to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: M. Francesconi – Yes, J. Levesque – Yes, R. DeAngelis – Yes, R. Killeen – Yes, S. McGrath- Yes
Motion Carries: 5-0

Respecfully Submitted;
Jennifer Morse
Town Administrator
June 24, 2025

Document List

1. Agenda – June 10, 2025
2. Special Election Ballot Questions
3. Volunteer Interest Form-Hobart
4. Volunteer Interest Form- Moreau
5. Draft Minutes May 20 and May 27, 2025

Approved: 7/8/25