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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen

MEETING MINUTES May 26, 2026

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, May 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Present: Michelle Francesconi, Chair
Shawn McGrath, Vice Chair
Ron DeAngelis, Member
Ray Killeen, Member
Scott McWhirt, Member

Others Present: Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Corey McGrath, DPW Director; Erin Paris, Administrative Assistant; Sabrina Damns, iBerkshires; Lynn Melchiori; Art Kaufman; Peter Traub.

Summary of Votes:

Vote to approve Common Table One Day Liquor Licenses	5-0
Vote to approve Cheshire Rod and Gun Club One Day Liquor Licenses	4-0-1
Vote to approve the Consent Agenda	5-0
Vote to approve submission for grant funding to MTTA for engineering of a ADA complaint bathroom at the Community House	5-0

M. Francesconi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with one recording device (iBerkshires).

Board of Selectman Discussion /Decision Items

- **Fire Department Engineering Update**
  Hill Engineering is working on obtaining additional quotes for geoengineering, currently there are no updates.

- **Community House Heat Engineering**
  The DPW Director has been in contact and there is currently no update available.

- **Common Table One Day Liquor License, May 29 & June 26.**
  A motion was made by R. DeAngelis and seconded by S. McGrath to approve the liquor license.
  Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; S. McWhirt-Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Yes
  Motion Carries: 5-0

- **Cheshire Rod & Gun Club One Day Liquor License, June 13**

A motion was made by R. DeAngelis and seconded by R. Killeen to approve the liquor license.
Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; S. McWhirt-Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Abstain
Motion Carries: 4-0-1

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

Town Administrator

- **Lanesboro Road Stream Community Culvert Grant**
  The Town Administrator reported that an award announcement was received for the Lanesborough Road over Unnamed Stream project. Engineering will be at no cost to the town, once the project is engineered an application can be submitted in a subsequent round for the construction of the replacement culvert.

- **Lanesboro Road over seasonal Brook (Goodlife Bridge) Municipal Small Bridge Program**
  In addition to the Culvert Grant an award was received for engineering of the Lanesborough Road over Seasonal Brook through the Small Bridge Program. Like the culvert grant, the engineering will be provided and the town can apply for a construction grant in the next round. The intent is to complete both projects and begin working on a One Stop Grant to resurface Lanesborough Road in the future.

- **Budget Information Session – June 2, 2026**
  The voter information packet is almost complete and the town administrator suggested a budget information session for the next meeting to address questions

- **Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program**
  The Town Administrator shared that she had met with the UMASS Collins Center and BRPC on Wednesday last week regarding rant funding through the MTTA program which offers assistance for engineering of an ADA compliant bathroom for the community house. She contacted Tighe and Bond for an updated proposal and is seeking approval to submit the MTTA grant request in hopes of funding by the fall. Discussion has started with BRPC regarding applying for a Community Block Development Grant with other municipalities for the construction piece of the project once the engineering is complete.
  A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by R. DeAngelis to approve the grant application to the MTTA program for the engineering of an ADA complaint bathroom within the community house.

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

Public Comment.

- Peter Traub commented that the Memorial Day parade was "exceptional" and extended his gratitude to the town and the organizers of the event.

- Art Kaufman brought up the recent power outage and trees along West Mountain Road. M. Francesconi also mentioned concerns about the retaining wall on Route 8 near the Adams/Cheshire town line, she asked the DPW Director to contact MassDOT to look at the danger of the trees along the retaining wall falling on vehicles.

Any other business not anticipate 48 hours prior to the meeting; None

Events and Upcoming Agenda Items

- Annual Town Meeting, June 8th- 7:00 P.M.
- Flag Day Event, June 14, 2026 -1:00-4:00 P.M.
- Cheshire Hoedown , June 27, 2026 - 4:00-8:00
- Cruz Nite, August 8, 2026

Adjournment

A motion was made by S. McGrath and seconded by R. DeAngelis to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: R. DeAngelis – Yes; R. Killeen – Yes; S. McWhirt-Yes; M. Francesconi – Yes; S. McGrath-Yes

Motion Carries: 5-0

Respecfully Submitted;
Erin Paris
Administrative Assistant
May 26, 2026

Document List

1. Agenda - May 26, 2026
2. Minutes – May 5, 2026
3. Small Bridge Program Grant Announcement
4. Community Culvert Program Grant Announcement
5. DLR – Request for Revocation of Certification