

**CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL Room 115 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**Members present: Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Matt Abdifar, Carrie Collins-White, Doug Noble and Jodee Heritage.**

**Members not present: Jackie Sima.**

**Staff: Suzanne Simone.**

**I. Call to Order**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.**

**II. Roll Call**

**Ms. Heritage called the roll.**

**Members present were Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Matt Abdifar, Carrie Collins-White, Doug Noble and Jodee Heritage.**

**III. Determination of Quorum**

**Chairman Sherman determined enough members were present for a quorum.**

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

**All present recited the pledge of allegiance.**

**V. Election of Officers**

**Chairman Sherman opened the meeting up for the election of officers.**

**Chairman Sherman called for a motion to elect a chairman.**

**Motion: To elect Bill Sherman as chairman.**

**Moved by Ms. Heritage. Seconded by Mr. DeVylder. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.**

**Chairman Sherman called for a motion to elect a vice-chairman.**

**Motion: To elect Bob DeVylder as vice-chairman.**

**Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.**

**Chairman Sherman called for a motion to elect a secretary.**

**Motion: To elect Jodee Heritage as secretary.**

**Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Ms. Collins-White. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.**

**VI. Acceptance of Minutes Regular Meeting – December 14, 2016**

**Chairman Sherman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes. No corrections were noted.**

**Moved by Ms. Collins-White. Seconded by Mr. Abdifar. Motion approved 5-0-1 with Mr. Noble abstaining.**

**Mr. DeVylder asked that a change be made to the November 9, 2016 minutes on page 3 under item 2 – the name proposed for the Dime Savings property is the *Yankee Expressway Highlands*.” The change was approved by consensus of Commission members present.**

**VII. Communications**

**Chairman Sherman stated there were no communications.**

**VIII. Calendar – Events**

**Chairman Sherman stated there were no calendar event items.**

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**1. Renaming Dime Savings Property**

**Chairman Sherman stated there were no changes to report regarding the Dime Saving property.**

**2. Boulder Knoll; Agricultural Use**

**Chairman Sherman asked Ms. Simone to provide an update on the information she explored (about the use of the agricultural use of property).**

**Ms. Simone explained that per the town manager that the town council has not entertained any new proposals for agricultural use for the property. She stated that items can be brought forward for consideration – requests can be sent to the town council directly.**

**Ms. Simone said proposals for use of the property can come from not-for-profit organizations.**

**Mr. DeVylder asked about stating funding for the purchase of the Boulder Knoll property.**

**Ms. Simone stated that the property was purchased partially with state funds; she said there's an easement on the property but that there's nothing for sale.**

**Mr. Noble asked Ms. Simone if he could get a copy of the easement language (he had asked at the last meeting about outside groups using the property for agricultural use; suggesting the possibility of Yale students using land for farming).**

**X. New Business**

**Chairman Sherman suggested that Commission members' new ideas (environment related projects/programs) presented at the last meeting be added to the agenda so specific (details) on how to implement the new ideas can be put into motion.**

**Ms. Simone agreed to add new ideas to the next agenda.**

**XI. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

**Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Carla Mills  
Recording Secretary**

