

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE  
ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018  
TOWN HALL – ROOM 115 – 7:00 P.M.**

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Members present were Bill Sherman, Matt Abdifar, Bob DeVylder, and Corrine Abbott.

Members not present: Jodee Heritage and Carrie Collins-White.

Staff: Suzanne Simone.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

Mr. Abdifar called the roll.

Members present were Bill Sherman, Matt Abdifar, Bob DeVylder, and Corrine Abbott.

Jodee Heritage and Carrie Collins-White were not present.

**III. Determination of Quorum**

There were enough members present for a quorum.

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**V. Acceptance of Minutes Special Meeting of January 17, 2018  
Regular Meeting of April 11, 2018**

The approval of the minutes from the special meeting of January 17, 2018 was deferred to the next meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 regular meeting.

Moved by Mr. Abdifar. Seconded by Mr. DeVylder. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

**VI. Communications**

Ms. Simone reviewed the following communications:

1. The Habitat, Winter/Spring 2018, volume 30, number 1  
(To be handed out at meeting)
2. The Habitat, Spring/Summer 2018, volume 30, number 2  
(To be handed out at meeting)
3. Letter from Fall Festival Co-Chairman Jeannine C. Lavallee Re: 30<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Cheshire Fall Festival

**VII. Calendar**

1. Fall Festival – Saturday, September 15, 2018

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

There were no unfinished business items.

**IX. New Business**

1. Fall Festival – Saturday, September 15, 2018
  - a. Commission Attendance
  - b. Handouts

Ms. Simone confirmed with Commission members that she's reserved a solo table for the fall festival; and she'd check with Parks and Recreation about the tent.

The Commission talked about preparation for the festival and who could be available to provide support coverage at the Commission's table. Tentatively, Chairman Sherman, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Abdifar, Mr. DeVlyder and Ms. Heritage would work the festival event.

Open space hand-outs, leftover bags and book marks could be available to visitors to the Commission's table.

Chairman Sherman mentioned that recently the *Cheshire Herald* had a few articles about open spaces (in Cheshire) – the articles were nice.

Ms. Simone reported that she provided information for the last article and that the Cheshire Herald would be covering other open space properties in future editions.

Ms. Simone passed around open space bookmarks that are available at the library and will be available at the fall festival.

Ms. Simone also informed members that the Commission's new budget until the end of June 2019 has been cut for programming and supplies; funds are only available for recording secretary fees and dues for to CACIWC.

2. **Property Updates/Event Summary**  
a. **Trails Day – Canoe Launch Ribbon Cutting Summary**

Ms. Simone reported on the Trails Day Canoe Launch event. She said she's still working a few issues that need to get resolved regarding access to the canoe launch; she did report maps, signage are available and Q codes are posted along the river; information about the launch will be advertised.

Chairman Sherman asked if any damage still needed to be cleaned up from the spring storms.

Ms. Simone said Public Works and Park and Recreation cleaned up areas – she reported Roaring Brook was in bad shape.

Ms. Simone reported that as part of a boy scout project, a boy scout blazed the purple trail and finished the red trail on the DeDominics property; and boy scouts worked to clean up debris (metal, glass and paint cans); she is working to get the word out about the project.

X. **Adjournment**

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Moved by Chairman Sherman. Seconded by Mr. DeVylder. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carla Mills  
Recording Secretary