

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016
TOWN HALL ROOM 210 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Carrie Collins-White, Jodee Heritage and Jackie Sima.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Heritage called the roll.

Members in attendance at tonight's meeting were Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Carrie Collins-White, Jodee Heritage and Jackie Sima.

Chairman Sherman informed Commission members that Bob DeVylder was appointed for another term.

Chairman Sherman welcomed new member Jackie Sima to the Commission. Ms. Sima replaced Dave Mercugliano who resigned from the Commission.

**III. Determination of Quorum
Commissioner Attendance Summary**

Enough members were present for a quorum.

Member not in attendance at tonight's meeting was Matt Abdifar.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

V. Acceptance of Minutes Regular Meeting – December 9, 2015

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting. There were no corrections noted.

Moved by Ms. Heritage. Seconded by Ms. Collins-White. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

VI. 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. Sima. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. 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 Ms. Heritage. Seconded by Ms. Sima. 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 Ms. Sima. Seconded by Ms. Collins-White. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

VII. Communications

The following communications were reviewed:

1. Naming Policy

Members received in their packets a copy of the naming policy.

2. Dime Savings Management Plan

Members received a copy of the Dime Savings Management Plan for review.

3. Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Members received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

**4. The Habitat, CACIWC Winter 2016 , volume 28, number 1, Newsletter
(To be handed out at the meeting.)**

Members received a copy of The Habitat, CACIWC Winter 2016 newsletter.

5. Email Re: CT Trails Day Event June 4-5, 2016.

Chairman Sherman informed Commission members he received an email regarding the CT Trails Day event. This item would be covered under Calendar of Events on the agenda.

VIII. Calendar – Events

1. Artsplace - Roaring Brook event April 23, 2016, rain date April 30

Ms. Heritage provided Commission members with an update about the Kensett event (Kensett Birthday Celebration event) being held at Roaring Brook on April 23, 2016. She welcomed Commission members to join in on the event that starts at 10 am until 12 noon with a rain date of April 30.

Ms. Heritage explained that artists will be set up along the trail painting.

Ms. Heritage said they (organizers) want to set up a tent and have waters, snacks and maps available for those attending the event.

Ms. Simone said she could provide lawn signs and a banner for the event. She agreed to provide maps (open space) for the event.

Chairman Sherman informed Ms. Heritage he had a tent if an extra one was needed.

Ms. Simone said the event is on the flyer of spring events and will update the town's Facebook page with updated information.

2. CT Trails Day Event June 4-5, 2016

Chairman Sherman informed member about the CT Trails Day Event being held on June 4-5, 2016.

Chairman Sherman stated that the Commission had no plans to hold an event but that the Cheshire Land Trust was having an event.

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Dime Savings Property Naming

Chairman Sherman said he plans to consult with the Commission's town council liaison about the naming policy.

Ms. Simone noted she had nothing new to report on the property.

Ms. Sima asked if the town had access to the property.

Ms. Simone explained that the town attorney was involved with the Dime Savings property access and that the town does have access off of the property. She said the town attorney suggested that the property be surveyed and that the town manager is aware of the request for a survey.

Ms. Sima commented that money was allocated in the budget for open space and it's up keep.

Ms. Simone replied that \$50,000 in funds were available but they were waiting for more information.

2. Property Updates

Ms. Simone stated there were no new acquisitions made. She noted that she's had no word from Parks and Recreation Department regarding any maintenance updates.

Ms. Simone said that she would be visiting the Roaring Brooks site soon (prior to the April event).

Mr. DeVylder said he wanted to return to the item about the Dime Savings property naming.

Mr. DeVylder said that people said they didn't know what the Yankee Expressway Highway – he explained there are signs in Hartford and on I-84 stating that was the highway's name.

Mr. DeVlyder also commented about the length of the name of the section of road in Cheshire that was recently named (located at the south end of Route 10 (named Medal of Honor Memorial Highway)).

Mr. DeVlyder said in his opinion the name proposed for the property - Yankee Expressway Highlands was just as long.

X. New Business

1. Budget

Commission members discussed how they should use their \$300 budget. In the past they used their budget for promotional items to give away at events.

The Commission discussed ideas for promotional item give-w-ways.

Ms. Collins-White and Ms. Heritage liked the idea of getting tote bags made with the Commission's logo on them.

Ms. Heritage said that the tote bags could be given out at the Kensett/ArtsPlace at Roaring Brook event and use the rest of the bags at the Fall Festival event.

Ms. Collins-White said the bags promoted recycling (by reusing the bags).

After some discussion. Commission members agreed that they should use their available funds to purchase beige tote bags imprinted with their green and white logo.

Motion: To purchase small white logo tote bags.

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

2. Next Meeting

Chairman Sherman stated the next Commission meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Moved by Ms. Heritage. Seconded by Ms. Sima. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted:

**Carla Mills
Recording Secretary
Cheshire Environment Commission**