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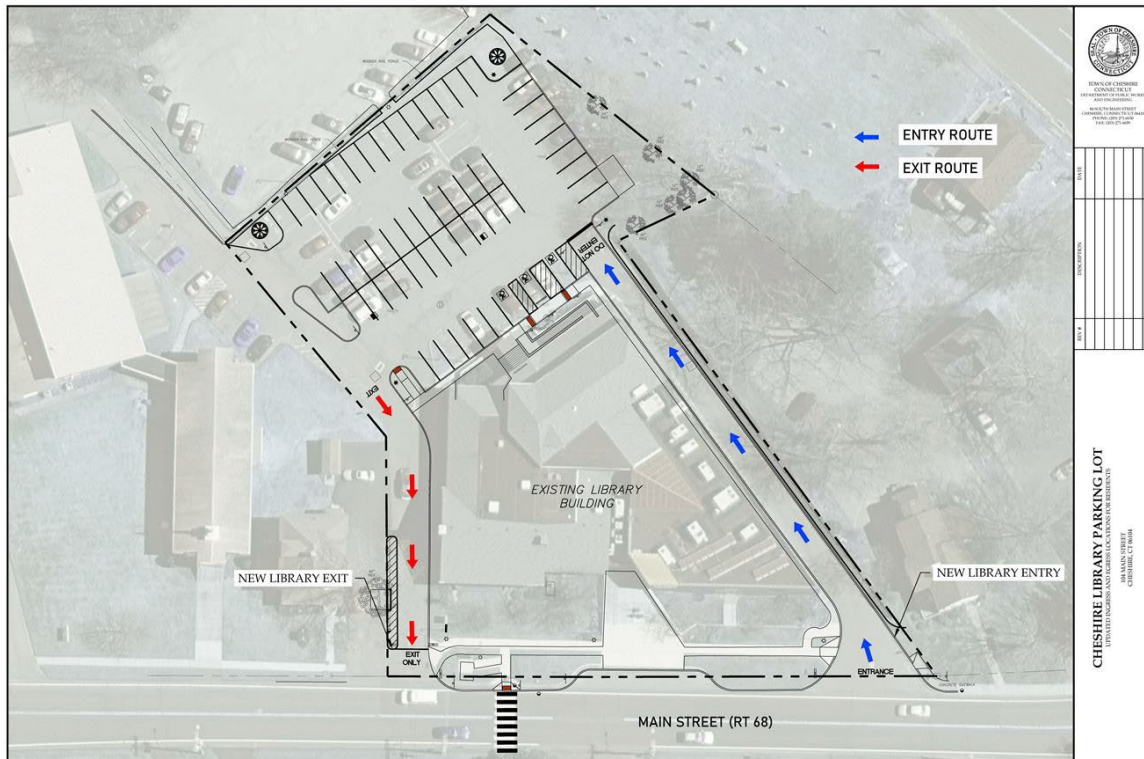
TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – May 2023
DATE: May 9, 2023

Library Parking Lot

A major renovation to the Cheshire Public Library parking lot has started this week. The new arrangement will add more parking spaces, improve the lighting and swap the current entrance and exit to allow for safer traffic circulation into and out of the lot. Along with the parking lot being inaccessible during this time, there may also be closures or reductions in the Library's open hours so please be sure to check the website www.cheshirelibrary.org or call (203) 272-2245 before heading over.

The schedule for the renovation is as follows (weather-dependent):

- 5/8-5/20 - Crews will be onsite for reclaiming/sub grading, excavation, and masonry work.
- 5/22-5/27 - Library will be closed for paving and miscellaneous items.



Cheshire Public Library Wins Award

The Cheshire Public Library was informed by the Connecticut Library Association that it is a recipient in the electronic category of the Connecticut Library Association's Publicity Award for their 80's-themed A/V Studio Promotional Video.

They officially received their award at the ceremony on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 8:15 AM, at the CLA Annual Conference. Congratulations to our Library staff on this award!

Economic Development Updates

- Parking lot paving scheduled for May 15th at Ball & Socket property with completion scheduled for June.
- Bone in Prime at 1410 Highland Avenue has been purchased by a group out of New York with extensive renovation plans and a new name, Butcher Bro's.
- Richard Chevrolet has received approval for a 10,000SF addition to their existing facility
- Brownfield Area Redevelopment (BAR) Grant received three Planning firm submittals. The steering committee has selected SLR to perform planning services.
- Two Cheshire businesses were honored yesterday by the US Small Business Administration with a team coming from Washington accompanied by Senator Richard Blumenthal. Cheshire Equestrian and its owner, Town resident Carol DiCarlo received the Connecticut Microenterprise of the Year award and manufacturer Element 119 received Connecticut's SBA Exporter of the Year. Catherine Marx, SBA's Connecticut District Director couldn't help but point out that Cheshire is the only CT Town with two businesses recognized two years in a row. Congratulations to our diverse business base!
- P&Z opened the public hearing on May 8th concerning the recreational cannabis regulations. The commission heard from the public and closed the public hearing. P&Z will be deliberating the application at their upcoming meetings.
- P&Z approved the Application of Vessel Technologies for the development of a 71-unit apartment building at the corner of Realty Drive and Highland Avenue.

Route 10 State Paving Project Schedule

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has announced that milling and paving of Route 10/Highland Avenue is scheduled to begin later this month and for the full month of May. Paving is planned north from Stony Hill Rd (Cheshire Park) into Southington.

- Tentative Paving on Monday, May 15, 2023, to Sunday May 28, 2023.
- The retaining wall opposite Hartford Health Care is being reconstructed. The project entails removing the face and cap of the wall and pouring a new face and cap. The retaining wall is structurally sound and poses no threat of failure, as this work is being performed for aesthetic reasons. **The work is expected to be completed on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.**

2023 Neighborhood Assistance Applications – Due June 2, 2023

A reminder that each municipal agency or tax-exempt organization that wishes to participate in the NAA Program must complete in its entirety Form NAA-01. Applications are due **by Friday, June 2, 2023** and must be submitted directly to the Town Manager’s Office, 84 South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410. Interested organizations wishing to learn more about the program and/or have specific questions should visit the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services website as the Town’s role is primarily administrative.

Applications are approved by the municipality’s governing body and forwarded to Department of Revenue Services (DRS). Once an organization is approved by the state, businesses can receive a credit of 60% of their approved contribution to certain programs (or 100% in the case of certain energy conservation programs) approved by the DRS.

Community Needs Assessment – National Opioid Settlement Funds

The Town of Cheshire has received opioid settlement funds from manufacturers and distributors. The Human Services department is conducting a needs assessment to measure community awareness of the opioid crisis and services available in this community so that we can spend the dollars received in the most effective and impactful way. Part of the assessment is a brief survey targeting Cheshire residents. The link to the survey is below:

https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3wmnSL947ijAamW

If you are a Cheshire resident, please take a moment to complete this survey as the more responses we collect the more informed our approach will be.

2023 Local Paving Program Tentative Schedule:

Listed below are the roads currently scheduled for the 2023 paving program. The start of our “Round 1” paving is anticipated to begin with milling next Tuesday, May 16th on Musso View Ave. Milling operations will continue for approximately 5 days with paving starting on Thursday, May 18th and continuing for 5-6 days. These operations and schedules are weather dependent.

Round 1

Creamery Rd	Highland Ave	to	Wolf Hill Rd
Mountain Rd	West Main St	to	605’ S of West Main St
Guinevere Ridge	Jarvis St	to	Dead End
Musso View Ave	Byam Rd	to	Town Line

Round 2

Country Club Rd	Highland Ave	to	525’ West of Wolf Hill Rd
West Johnson Ave	Reinhard Rd	to	Highland Ave
Wallingford Rd	Talmadge Rd	to	Town Line

Upcoming Town Council Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings:

Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., Room 207/209, Town Hall

Ordinance Review Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Town Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall